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U-turn led to death of pal

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A MAN has admitted to causing the death of a motorcyclist, who he later found out was his friend.

Michael Treanor, 45, from Sheelin Grove, Bletchley pleaded guilty to causing the death of Kieran McCormack by driving without due care and attention at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court last Wednesday.

Mr McCormack, 36, a mechanic from Bow Brickhill, was killed when his green Honda motorbike crashed into the side of Treanor's black VW Golf on the V10, Brickhill Street near Caldecotte on Thursday, July 30.

Clare Galo, defending, said Treanor 'turned white' when he learned the name of the motorcyclist at the end of a police interview.

She said: "It was a pure coincidence that they were on the same bit of road at the same time.

"They had known each other for approximately a year and were quite good friends.

"Mr McCormack used to help him with his car.

"It has had a huge impact on him.

"He caused the death of his friend and he is going to have to live with it for the rest of his life; he has already been punished since the 30th of July."

Julian Vickery, prosecuting, said Treanor was travelling south down the V10, back from his work at John Lewis Distribution Centre in Blakelands, when he decided to make a U-turn to avoid a queue of traffic just before the Tilbrook roundabout, as the barriers were down at Bow Brickhill level crossing.

Killed by his friend: Motorcyclist Kieran McCormack

Mr Vickery said: "He completed the manoeuvre and ended up stationary in a layby parallel to his previous position, facing north.

"During the manoeuvre his front seat passenger, Gary Cook, advised him that the barriers of the level crossing were rising, so Mr Treanor decided to conduct another U-turn back into his original direction.

"As he performed this second U-turn he failed to see a Honda motorbike ridden by Mr McCormack and pulled directly into its path."

Collision investigator PC Adrian White concluded that while a U turn was not prohibited other opportunities to turn around were available.

Mr Vickery added: "A tyre mark found in the layby indicated a wheel spin, suggesting a hurried and rapid manoeuvre."

The court heard that Mr McCormack's speedometer stopped at 65mph at the point of impact.

PC White found that Mr McCormack would have been in view for around five seconds after exiting the roundabout.

Miss Galo said Mr Treanor looked in his mirror and over his shoulder before pulling into the road.

She said: "He assumed that there was probably not anything coming behind him because the barrier had just started rising, which means he probably wasn't checking quite as carefully as he should have done.

"As he was coming out the gap in the traffic he was pulling into closed and he was not able to move across so was left in the path of the motorbike, which he accepts he never saw or heard."

Miss Galo added that Mr McCormack was speeding at 5mph over the limit and that witnesses said he accelerated very quickly out of the roundabout.

Treanor will be sentenced at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on March 11.

Michael Treanor: Decided to make a U-turn to avoid a queue of traffic

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Council tax debate

Householders may have to pay extra for repairs to road potholes

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE

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A CONTENTIOUS council tax increase was up for debate last night as Milton Keynes Council set its budget.

The Liberal Democrat administration intended to put forward a 1.5 per cent rise in council tax at the annual budget meeting, equating to a 32p per week increase for B and D households.

But an 11th hour amendment from Cllr Douglas McCall proposed increasing this to two per cent to cover the costs of repairing potholes, adding an extra 10p to the increase.

The Tories said yesterday that they would oppose the motion.

Leader Cllr Andrew Geary said: "I don't think we're doing enough to look at more efficient ways of delivering services. They're cutting money out of the budget and still charging the taxpayer more. A two per cent increase for sitting still or going backwards doesn't represent good value for Milton Keynes."

Looking at the proposals yesterday, Labour leader Norman Miles said his group would probably abstain on both the motion and amendment.

There were not, he said, enough of his group's wishes in the budget for them to support it.

Council leader Cllr Sam Crooks was preparing to make a speech about facing huge cuts in Government funding.

In preparation, this year's budget identifies £10 million of savings, though he vowed to protect front-line services.

He said: "The next Government settlement in July we're very afraid might be nil, which has real implications for us.

If we're going to get nil increase it means we've got to take £10 million out of our budget for each of the next three years.

What we look like in 2014 could be very different to what we look like now."

■ For a full analysis of the meeting log on to www.mk-news.co.uk

What the devil – dad made a snow monster

THIS impressive snow sculpture was created by a warehouse worker in Two Mile Ash.

When John Andrews' hopes of playing golf were dashed as the snow fell on Monday morning, he created this masterpiece to pass the time.

Mr Andrews, 29, from Hepleswell, who works the night shift at TNT's warehouse in Northfield, used a Tasmanian Devil cuddly toy belonging to one of his three children – aged 2, 6, and 10 – and a fancy dress costume he bought for a party recently to inspire the sculpture.

He said:"It took me two and a half hours. I just did it for a bit of fun. I squashed the snow against the wall and used a kitchen knife to carve it. I didn't think it would come out this well.

"I do like snow, although this year I haven't liked it as much as it is doing it all the time."

Following on with the cartoon theme he said he plans to create Elmer Fudd chasing Bugs Bunny next time it snows.

His daughter, Paige, 10, said: "He is always making things in the snow – there is never any left for us."

John Andrews' sculpture was inspired by one of his kid's cuddly toys

Deadline is looming for possible changes to health care provision

LOCAL people are invited to have their say about the future management arrangements of health services.

The Department of Health is asking Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to move their service provider division into a different organisation so that in future they are only purchasers of NHS care and not providers.

All PCTs, which manage services including doctor and dental surgeries and mental health, must make a decision on the future management arrangements of their provider services by the end of March.

Dr Diane Gray, director of strategy and planning at NHS Milton Keynes, the commissioning division of Milton Keynes PCT, said this does not mean that services on the ground will change.

Dr Gray said: "NHS Milton Keynes wants to make sure that whichever organisation manages our community health services, it increases quality, keeps people healthy and delivers care closer to home, using innovative ways of working to deliver services to a growing population.

"We are looking at six main options to make sure community and mental health services are managed in the right way."

People are invited to have their say on theoptions, which are: for the PCT to stay as it is; for standalone community provider services; to integrate the provider services with Milton Keynes Council; to integrate with MK Hospital NHS Foundation Trust; to integrate with neighbouring PCT provider services or for a managed dispersal of services.

Visit www.miltonkeynes.nhs.uk/mkchs_options.htm for more details or to comment.

Or e-mail mail@miltonkeynes.nhs.uk, add a comment on NHS Milton Keynes' Facebook fan page, or on Twitter to @NHSMiltonKeynes by March 10.

FFlippin' eck – bike store worker set to star in big bra telly adverts

A MARKETING administrator is to front a big screen campaign for big-breasted women.

Riann Quinn, 22, who works at Trek Bikes in Milton Keynes, has been chosen to star in Bravissimo's adverts in cinemas, on TV and in magazines.

A size 28FF, she is a regular shopper at the underwear store in thecentre:mk, which caters for the full spectrum of bra sizes.

It was her mother who suggested to enter the competition to become the face - and chest - of the shop.

She said: "My mum received an e-mail from Bravissimo advertising they were looking for customers to be a part of their 2010 campaign. My mum said why don't you go for it, at first I laughed then thought why not and sent in a picture of myself in my bikini from a recent holiday to Turkey. As they say, the rest is history."

Riann, who lives in Leighton Buzzard, models alongside fellow customers in the 1950s-themed campaign.

She said: "I am over the moon to be a part of something like this, its a very exciting one in a lifetime experience. I have never done anything like this before and didn't think I ever would to be honest as its not something that happens everyday. I guess I have just been extremely lucky."

Riann believes it is important to spread the word about Bravissimo's ranges as nearly 80 per cent of women wear the wrong bra.

She added: "The great thing about Bravissimo which most people don't know is that their bra sizes range from a D to KK cup and 28-40 back, perfect for petite people like myself who are small on the back but big on the front. "

Riann Quinn stars the Bravissimo bra advert

Litter picker died crossing grid road

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A LITTER picker was killed when he was hit by a motorbike on a grid road.

Raymond White, 60, from Rickley Park, Shenley Road, Bletchley was killed while working on the V6 Grafton Street near Bradville on Wednesday, September 28.

An inquest on Thursday heard that Mr White, who had worked as a litter picker in Milton Keynes for more than 10 years, was working on the eastern side of the dual carriageway at around 3.15pm when he crossed to the central reservation.

Scott Yaxley, 20, from Milton Keynes, was riding a black Kawasaki motorcycle north in the left hand lane of the dual carriageway at around 40mph, 30mph below the speed limit.

In an interview with a police officer at the scene, which was read to the inquest, Mr Yaxley said he saw the man walk out from the central reservation in front of him when he was around two bike lengths away.

He said: "I beeped my horn but he didn't look as he crossed the road."

"I don't feel I could have done anything to avoid him – he walked out at the last minute."

Mr White suffered severe injures to his head, chest, pelvis and abdomen and was air lifted to John Radcliffe II Hospital in Oxford, where he died at 6.20pm.

Collision investigator PC Adrian White said the motorcyclist and pedestrian would have been visible to each other for around 4 to 5.5 seconds before the collision occurred.

He said there was no signs of the bike breaking harshly or swerving and concluded that the rider chose to use the time to sound his horn instead.

Rosario Marsala, who was working with Mr White in a team employed by Serco, said he cannot understand why he crossed the road.

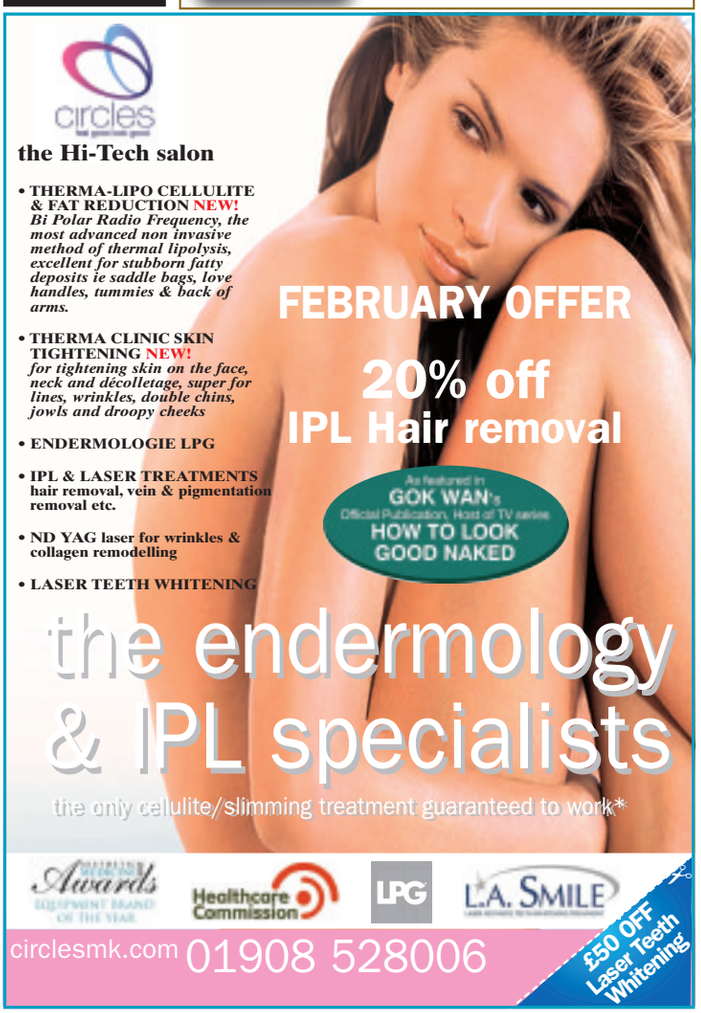
He said: "We work in a team of three; the driver drops us off on either side of the carriageway and we each work up our side and then the driver picks us up at the end of the section.

"We have been instructed not to cross the road and we have to stay 1.2m away from carriageway."

Mr Marsala added that litter pickers do not put out signs to warn motorists that men are working on the grid roads but do on the A5D, which is considered to be more dangerous.

Antony Draper, lead health and safety advisor for Serco's local government division, said that since Mr White's death the company has given radios to all its staff to help communication.

A jury of five men and six women returned a verdict of accidental death.



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Bletchley GPs' swine flu opt-out 'unfortunate'

SIR – I am writing in response to your article 'Children face trek for swine flu jab' (MK NEWS last week).

NHS Milton Keynes had a responsibility to make the vaccination available to those who are eligible at the earliest possible opportunity and the decision was made that the best way to provide this service was through GP practices.

GP practices have done an excellent job in responding to additional pressures during the winter.

We were extremely pleased that only three practices indicated that they did not have the capacity to provide the vaccination to children aged over six months and under five years.

NHS Milton Keynes had to make arrangements for alternative services prior to offering the contract to GP practices; it is unfortunate that two out of the three practices who indicated they had insufficient capacity were from Bletchley.

We recognise that travelling to Broughton Gate may present difficulties for some parents (although the extended hours would benefit others).

We have made arrangements for local GP practices to provide vaccination to children in extenuating circumstances, including those who are genuinely unable to travel to Broughton Gate.

While levels of swine flu in the community are currently low, it is likely to be the dominant virus in the next seasonal flu season.

Therefore, NHS Milton Keynes would like to encourage all parents of children aged over six months and under five years to protect their children against the virus by making an appointment for their child to receive the vaccination.

Sue Frossell
Consultant in Public Health
NHS Milton Keynes

City is fit for purpose – but is council leader?

SIR – What a chilling issue last week's MK NEWS is.

On page one we're told its time to rethink Milton Keynes' future.

Why? We're told that MK is as bland as magnolia and we need to change it.

Well, I don't think it's bland and neither do the 100s signing up for the big city parade (page five, same issue).

Cllr Crooks says we have the capacity to say something's no longer fit for purpose. I agree.

That something is Cllr Crooks.

Milton Keynes itself is working perfectly well. No one wants to bury the city in aspic but we would like it to develop in the future the same way it has in the past.

Cllr Crooks says we have to change the original plan where it's not working. Well, where is it not working?

It seems OK to me.

What would not have worked is the old plan for MK West with pedestrian crossings and traffic lights every 100 yards along the V4. Luckily the recession put paid to that plan.

Cllr Crooks says we we're now more prepared to live closer to each other and higher. How does he know? No one has asked me.

Cllr Crooks tells us what he would like. Infilling on estates and more high rise.

He doesn't like our dependence on light industry.

Perhaps we should open a coalmine or two and set up a shipbuilding industry.

If you're happy for Milton Keynes to become like every other town and city in the Kingdom, then you need do nothing – Cllr Crooks will do it for you.

But if you think that's too bland for Milton Keynes then complain loudly, often and especially at the polls.

Bernard Mottram
Cosway Place, Grange Farm

■ For more views on the city's future turn to page 16

Double standards

SIR – We hear about these days about the ideal of a classless society.

In my experience and that of most of my family and friends that is exactly what it is – an unrealistic ideal.

Let me give you two recent examples. Due to family health issues we have to take our summer break just before the school holiday.

My daughter's headmaster is able to say this is unacceptable and will mark her as unauthorised absence.

While I am all for education and would not let my children have time off willy nilly, the said same headmaster has the power to close his entire school due to a flurry of snow.

Similarly, as a council tenant, I keep my home and garden in good order, as required within my tenancy. However, the council have been able to leave us without adequate heating since our system broke down as the start of December and have only just began work eight weeks on.

It is my belief that while we have a system where both money and a little authority speak so loudly we will always have double standards and never come close to the classless society.

Mrs J A Smith
Beanhill

Who needs councillors?

SIR – I was amazed to read, that, when expenses for public officials, are regarded with such distaste by the public, and in a time when there will be cuts in services, MK councillors have awarded themselves an expenses rise.

It raises the question of why we need councillors in the first place.

After all we have two MPs who apparently look after MK and almost all the council departments are run by overpaid managers who are accountable to no one so the position of councillor is redundant.

Mr W Grist
Portchester Court

Queue fumes

SIR – This afternoon (Wednesday, February 17) I was driving north up Watling Street, V4, and saw a long queue of traffic backing from the one set of traffic lights on that grid road.

In case there had been an accident, I negotiated the traffic humps past the Toby and Denbigh School.

When I arrived at the lights, by identifying some of the vehicles, I could see that they had hardly moved and I was by then past them all.

I could only conclude that the queue was the result of one or more vehicles being slow away from the lights.

Unfortunately this set of lights is necessary due to inept road design when the road layout was being planned.

The amount of carbon emissions from all those stationary vehicles is a disgrace.

I dread to think just how much pollution would be produced if planners get their way and put in SEVEN sets of traffic lights further north on Watling Street.

That whole stretch would become a permanent queue of slow moving vehicles and that is before one single house has been built in the Western Expansion Area.

Currently MK has exceptionally clean air and low carbon emissions for the miles travelled.

Let us make sure we keep it that way.

John Hawthorn
Chairman, Bradwell Abbey Parish Council

Bankers

SIR – The comment by some of your readers about the banks' intention to stop issuing cheques is of concern.

A number of supermarkets no longer accept cheques.

This has nothing whatsoever to do with the Government (though if it rains blame the Govt, if it snows blame the Govt, easy to blame someone).

The blame is at the door of your friendly private enterprise banks.

Yes those people who created the present financial problems and are still looking at ways to make even more profit, by suggesting we no longer need to use cheques.

They also want to intrduce charges for using cash machines. Who are the customers?

Peter Billups
Fulwell Court, Great Linford

Cigarillos allowed

SIR – With reference to your story 'OAP's fag savings go in a puff of smoke'.

I would like to clarify that I intended to bring back 3,200 cigarettes, 50 cigarillos and three kilograms of tobacco.

The cigarettes and the tobacco were confiscated by HM Customs and Revenue.

Len Penman
Stantonbury

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People come to us as a last resort. I have no authority, but I do have influence

– MP Mark Lancaster

IT is Friday, half term, and one of politicians' many recess days – something glibly dubbed a 'holiday' by outsiders.

However, for Mark Lancaster there is barely time for lunch, let alone relaxation.

But there is lots of tea, as the MP for North East Milton Keynes hauls himself from appointment to appointment on his busiest, but favourite, day of the week.

He begins at 8.30am for a coffee with Jenny Walker, whose charity Southern Africa's Children has built a school in Tanzania and hopes to help its albino population.

This is an area Mark knows a lot about. As Shadow Minister for International Development he travels once a month – in the last year visiting Zimbabwe, St Helena, Sudan, DR Congo and Rwanda (although 'no-one could accuse it of being a holiday, I've been to four of the five most violent places in the world because it's part of my role' he notes).

But today is mostly about Milton Keynes as he drives from his Newport Pagnell office to Bradville (quick wave to Paul, the Big Issue seller) to see a constituent about her benefits problem over a cup of tea.

This is clearly a council issue. But Mark cannot help but help people and the 8,000 pieces of casework completed over the last five years is testament to that.

He said: "The thing is we never say no. People come to us as a last resort. I have no authority, but I do have influence. When it comes to politics this is by far the most rewarding part."

It is a quick journey to Stantonbury where two residents are in despair over the dilapidation on their estate.

People say MPs don't get their hands dirty, but Mark certainly gets his feet muddy, wading into a piece of wasteland bemoaned by residents.

Here he is treated like a celebrity – 'I've never met one of you before' – one constituent tells him.

But he believes the expenses scandal, though it didn't implicate him, tarnished all MPs.

So how does it feel to be both pilloried and treated as a pillar of the community?

"It would be very easy to sit in your office. But now more than ever it's so important if we're every going to begin to rebuild trust in politics to get out there."

Out there he is, a man who works in arguably the most prestigious building in the country, standing on the unglamorous corner of the Newport Pagnell Farmers' Market.

"I think the point is to make yourself available. I just like talking to people. It's amazing after five years how many people you know. It's fantastic."

There is time for a quick cuppa at his constituency office to respond to some emails (he gets around 140 a day and always aims to clear his inbox before bed).

Then it is off to New Bradwell where a home has been adapted by charity Aspire for people with spinal injuries.

Driving around, satnav-less, he proves he has The Knowledge of Milton Keynes, a city made up of streets canvassed and residents helped.

In fact, he believes he has knocked on doors in streets of all his 86,000 electors, and it is these people he will return to in May.

"It's impossible not to be nervous. I've been elected for one Parliament. I hope I am again. I enjoy it."

After harping on for five years about infrastructure before expansion with the slogan 'I before E', Mark finds himself on a brand new estate, Brooklands, where there are no houses, but roads, parks and a primary school.

However, he is still not happy, because this new estate is being built to meet housing targets imposed by Government.

"We want to make MK Council the planning authority. At the moment it's all being directed from afar. But MK is unique. You can't understand that from 60 miles away."

With a knack for getting things done, he manages to make the developers promise more homes adapted for disabled people after being inspired by his previous appointment, does he not have his eye on the top job?

Apparently not, though he would 'quite like' to be Secretary of State for Defence.

If not an MP he would want to work for the United Nations or the World Bank.

"I've been a businessman, a soldier and a politician. I would like to bring those together and maybe work in the developing world. But at the moment my priority is Milton Keynes."

After a surgery where he meets four constituents – one crying, one laughing, and two angry – he is off to a Conservative AGM which goes on late into the evening.

So after ten meetings, two speeches and innumerable cups of tea, Mark's favourite day comes to an end. But not before he has cleared his inbox.

We may assume politicians spend their time in the House of Commons, but Mark Lancaster proves that it is as much about going to the houses of his constituents. On Friday reporter JESSICA CUNNIFFE caught up with – and tried to catch up with – the busy city MP as he went about his constituency work.

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Retrial ordered for speed case vicar

Defence and prosecution psychologists disagree on reverend's memory problems

'Speed cameras don't make me very angry. They annoy me because I think they are a misuse of police time and a bad way of raising revenue': Reverend Phillip Gibson in evidence. A retrial has been ordered after the Recorder asked for Rev Gibson's psychological reports be considered further

A CLERGYMAN accused of trying to pervert the course of justice is to face a retrial.

Reverend Phillip Gibson, 56, of Wood Lane, Aspley Guise claimed his wife was driving after he was captured on camera speeding.

But after Luton Crown Court heard two days of evidence, the trial was stopped on Friday when Recorder Stephen Nathan QC discharged the jury and asked reports regarding Rev Gibson's psychological condition to be considered further.

The day before Rev Gibson, who previously worked as a chaplain at Bedford Hospital, had gone into the witness box and told the jury: "The information I had given was absolutely an honest mistake.

"I had no reason whatsoever to mislead the police."

Rev Gibson now faces a re-trial, likely to take place in July.

He had pleaded not guilty to doing an act intended to pervert the course of public justice.

The case stemmed from a speeding incident said to have taken place on the morning of October 25, 2008 on the A507, High Street West in Ridgemont, Beds.

That morning, a police camera van had set up in the entrance to Woburn Safari Park to film motorists using the road that was subject to a 30 mile an hour speed limit.

Inside the van, policeman Stephen Ward was operating the camera and filming traffic through the open rear doors of the van.

At 11.20am Rev Gibson's Volvo was recorded travelling at 39 miles per hour.

In court, PC Ward told the jury he had good reason to remember the incident because Rev Gibson stopped his car beside his van, got out and, as he covered the camera lense with his hand, told him he was a 'waste of time'.

Days later, a notice of intended prosecution from Bedfordshire Police arrived at Rev Gibson's home.

The letter requested details about who had been the driver and, in the reply section sent back, Rev Gibson said his wife had been the driver.

Giving evidence on Thursday, Rev Gibson said he gave his wife's name as the driver because he 'had no recollection of the preceding event.'

He said: "I knew my wife had been to Ampthill that day and she said she had not noticed any camera, but it was possible it was her.

"I was adamant it was not me and absolutely convinced it was my wife."

He said it was months later when he and his wife were asked to go the police station that something triggered in his memory.

Dr Arthur Anderson, a psychologist instructed by the defence, told the jury that Rev Gibson's long standing depression could have contributed to 'episodic memory problems'.

But prosecution expert, psychologist Susan Rutter said she disagreed with those findings.

Cross examined, Rev Gibson said: "Speed cameras don't make me very angry.

"They annoy me because I think they are a misuse of police time and a bad way of raising revenue."

Rev Gibson, who has been a hospital chaplain in various parts of the country but had resigned on the grounds of ill health ten months ago, was granted unconditional bail while he awaits his retrial.

Dental records confirm identity of man's body parts found in garden

Dismembered: Samuel Alexander

A BODY found dismembered in a garden in Drayton Parslow has been identified as Samuel Alexander.

Officers found human remains in the garden belonging to 70-year-old Samuel Alexander in Prospect Close on February 10.

Mr Alexander, who had been missing since last August, was formally identified on Friday by his dental records.

Mr Alexander's son Mark, 22 of Fleet Street, London has been charged with his murder.

He has been remanded in custody until he appears at Reading Crown Court on Monday, May 17.

An inquest, opened at High Wycombe Magistrates Court on Monday, February 15, heard how some of the parts had been burned and wrapped in plastic bags.

The skull was found to have multiple fractures but the body was too decomposed for a cause of death to be ascertained.

The inquest heard police first found a femur and a right foot.

Under the next level of concrete were found further plastic bags and these were found to contain a human head and torso

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Mark Alexander has also been charged with two offences of committing acts tending to pervert the course of justice.

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Advice ignored as new casino gets go-ahead

New facility to the north of stadiummk will include bars, restaurants and a nightclub

BY LAURA HANNAM
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An artist's impression of the proposed casino to be built to the north of stadiummk

COUNCILLORS have given the go-ahead for a casino at the city's stadium, against officers' advice.

On Friday Milton Keynes Council's development control committee voted to approve an application to build a new casino and leisure facility at thestadium:mk.

The application by InterMK Ltd and Apollo Casino Resort includes proposals to construct a two-storey building totalling 9,600 square metres with a casino, bars, restaurants and a nightclub at the north of the stadium.

MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman, who is also InterMK managing director, said this is 'only a step on the journey', as its operator Casino Austria now needs to win a licence to build the facility.

It will compete against two other proposals to build a casino at the Xscape or Leisure Plaza in Central Milton Keynes.

Council officers had recommended that the stadium plans be refused, on the grounds that national planning policy favours town centre locations.

Mr Winkelman said: "There was already planning consent in place for a casino in the arena so this simply allows us to place it on the side to have all the concerts and events we planned in the arena and allow MK Lions to have a home.

"The national Casino Advisory Panel says that people should have to travel to casinos and make a concerted effort to get there rather than find it on their door step."

He added that Casino Austria entering the battle for the licence will help ensure that we get the 'best deal for the city' by making the process competitive.

The licensing application process is expected to take 12 months, with a decision likely early next year.

The chosen scheme must then win detailed planning permission before construction can go ahead.

Linda Inoki, from pressure group Xplain who are campaigning against the plans for a casino at the Xscape building, said: "Stadiummk has a lot of advantages over the city centre, especially the Xscape site.

"It's an out of centre location, which means people have to make a conscious decision to go gambling, rather than fall into it after a night drinking in the clubs and pubs of CMK.

"Access is good as the roads around the site were built for handling large volumes of visitors, unlike Xscape, where access roads run through residential streets.

"A hotel and conference centre is already up and running at the stadium and late night revellers at the nearby casino would not disturb residents.

"On top of that, Pete Winkelman has a track record in bringing exciting new venues to MK, with quality design and architecture as part of the mix."

Joint applicants InterMK Ltd and Apollo Casino Resort must now compete against two other proposals to build a casino – at the Xscape and Leisure Plaza

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Bank's call centre couple stole £75k

A PAIR of call centre workers stole £75,000 from customers' bank accounts.

Sean Waterton and Laura Barrett both worked at a management services company in Milton Keynes that provided a customer service call centre for a national bank.

They pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud at Huntingdon Crown Court on February 3.

The court heard that between September 21, 2007 and February 18, 2008, 75 accounts were compromised and 37 of them were subject to fraud attempts.

In each case the customer confirmed that the transfer requests were fraudulent.

The bank recorded the fraud loss at £75,221.98, but it estimates that there has been up to £142,336.83 attempted fraud.

Waterton, 26, from Fowler, Stantonbury, and Barrett, 24, from Hornbeam, Newport Pagnell, were arrested on December 10, 2007 and bailed.

They were both charged on November 9, 2009.

DC Jo Pape, investigating, told MK NEWS: "This has been a very complex investigation where we have been working very closely with the bank.

"They betrayed the trust of their employers; abusing their position for their own financial gain.

"I hope now by their own admittance of guilt, they realise the consequences of their actions."

Waterton and Barrett have been bailed to be sentenced on Thursday, March 11.

Hot-foot fund-raisers

BRAVE supporters hot-footed it over burning coals to raise money for a children's hospice.

Thirty-five people took part in the fire walk at Shenley Leisure Centre on Thursday, February 18 and raised around £5,000 for Keech Hospice Care.

At just 20 foot long this may be the shortest sponsored walk ever but after two hours of mental preparation, every participant had to walk barefoot over hot coals burning at over 400 degrees centigrade.

Pat Vallis, a business change consultant from VWFS in Tongwell who took part with four colleagues, said: "I have visited the hospice several times, which is a really special experience.

"Firewalking has been so exhilarating and empowering, we've all absolutely loved it.

"We all looked out for each other and it's been a great team experience."

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Teaching assistant lay dead for two months

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A TEACHING assistant who was missing for more than two months probably died shortly after she disappeared, an inquest has heard.

Fifty-seven-year-old Denise Widdowson's body was discovered just over a mile away from her home in bushes behind Bodle Close, Pennylands on Thursday, September 24.

Mrs Widdowson, who suffered from depression, was reported missing by her husband Peter on the morning of Thursday, July 16 after she disappeared from their house in Ashdown Close, Giffard Park, taking only a small amount of cash with her.

Thames Valley Police launched a search operation, which included public appeals for information published in MK NEWS.

Detective Sergeant Timothy Pollard said the only confirmed sighting of Mrs Widdowson was CCTV images showing her attempting to buy alcohol from an off licence near her home at 7am that morning.

Dental records were used to identify the body of Denise Widdowson who was found dead just over a mile from her home on September 24, 2008 after having gone missing in the middle of July

He said: "Because of the time of day the shop assistant refused."

Mrs Widdowson's body was discovered on the afternoon of Thursday, September 24 by two environmental health officers from Milton Keynes Council.

Two whisky bottles were found beside her, one empty and one half empty.

She was identified through dental records.

Dr Ashley Fegan-Earl, home office pathologist, said the cause of her death could not be ascertained as the body was too decomposed.

Evidence suggested that her body had been where it was found for the entire period she was missing.

There was no signs of any third party involvement and no drugs were detected in the whiskey, Dr Fegan-Earl added.

The inquest heard that Mrs Widdowson was under the care of mental health services since May 2009 as she was suffering from a bad period of depression and anxiety, her first episode for around 18 years.

She was admitted to hospital after taking an overdose on July 1 and discharged the same day.

Her husband, Peter, a business analyst, said she had recently decided to retire from her job as a teaching assistant at Milton Keynes Preparatory School, where she had worked for nearly 10 years.

Tom Osborne, deputy coroner, said it was likely she had taken her own life but as he could not be certain he recorded an open verdict.

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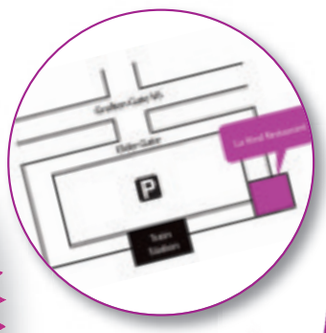

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MKLETTERS *EXTRA* – THE CITY'S FUTURE

Letters to The Editor, MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes MK15 0DU | letters@mk-news.co.uk

■ SIR – I read the article about the vision of the future of MK with astonishment and horror, especially Cllr Crooks' comments: 'We're more prepared to live closer to each other, prepared to live higher'.

Doesn't Cllr Crooks have any memory of other cities such as Glasgow, Sheffield, Newcastle and Nottingham that built high density multi-level housing in the 50s and 60s? These high-rise ghettos have now all been demolished after they became urban jungles and crime-ridden zones.

One of the great lasting attractions of a Milton Keynes for businesses and residents is the open space, the green spaces, the low-rise environment and the overall impression of space and openness, but the Lib Dems would seem to be intent on destroying this. Why can they not realise that people do not want to live in cramped little boxes up in the sky? It cannot be a coincidence that the areas of Milton Keynes that have higher crime rates are often those with high density housing, and Cllr Crooks should be more aware than others about this.

I'm ashamed to say I helped to vote this party into power but I now think I made a mistake.

Allan Whitefield
Booker Avenue, Bradwell Common

■ SIR – I think Cllr Crooks is missing the point when he states that the old style of housing, within grid squares 'where the houses are nicely spread out' should be replaced with higher density multi-storey housing because 'now we're more prepared to live closer to each other'.

The only reason most people would choose a higher density living environment is cost. With the extortionate price of housing many people are forced into house-sharing or smaller, more closely packed housing because that's all they can afford. It doesn't mean that this is what people actually want.

The increase in the number of single older people (36 per cent over 50 by 2031) will mean that high level living will be unsuitable for many. Certainly as I grow older the last thing I want is to live in a block of flats, cheek by jowl with others who may be noisy, anti-social or just generally 'in my space'.

That's not to say that isolation is the way forward either, but a happy medium surely, where people live together in communities without being in each others pockets.

You can't force people to be sociable by making them live on top of each other.

We all need our own space - not some 'linear park' or shared public garden, but our own private space where we can retreat from the world and spend time with friends and family. Tower blocks and shared housing have their place, but family homes are important too.

As such a great place for families to live and grow up, MIlton Keynes deserves a more considered approach to building its future, so that it doesn't end up replicating its worst mistakes for financial reasons.

Catherine Tyler Prady
By e-mail

■ SIR – Mr Crooks was going very well until he came to the comments that we want to live closer together and higher, and the claim that homes in multiple occupancy are people who are living longer or wanting to live with others.

This is so wrong!

Bournville in Birmingham should be our model with space for people to live and to grow there own food. Not closer together so that we try and hide in our boxes and our castles become a small fortified hut.

Older people are living longer and staying in their home, as is their right. But by living in a house with more bedrooms than they need they don't make best use of the housing stock.

And I don't know of a HIMO which is occupied by single professionals or older people. Rather it is people from abroad looking for cheap lodgings to ensure that as much of the money they earn can go back home.

Hopefully Mr Crooks and others will not sit in their ivory towers waiting for people to come to them with their opinions - and paying consultants millions of pounds for nothing. Rather they should get out and knock on doors and engage people.

David Hart,
Sent by e-mail

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Conflict over vision for the future of city

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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RESIDENTS and organisations are queuing up to determine the future of Milton Keynes.

As MK NEWS revealed last week, council leader Sam Crooks is driving a radical rethink of the city's progress for the next 40 years.

But his MK2050 master plan is running concurrently with another plan by pressure group Urban Eden.

They held a meeting on Monday to discuss the way the original vision of Milton Keynes can be retained.

Chairman Theo Chalmers said: "We want the grid roads to be maintained properly and extended into the new areas. Very many members of Urban Eden have strong opinions and feel they're being dumped on from a great height."

No change: Theo Chalmers

Then on March 4, stadiummk is hosting a special meeting to confront transport, work, business, energy, buildings and leisure.

The council's partnerships and growth select committee will discuss key issues including infrastructure, the economy and social issues.

As Cllr Crooks said last week, all aspects of city life are up for debate at the demographic and population changes.

Committee chairman, Cllr Jaime Tamagnini-Barbosa, said: "Milton Keynes is over 40 years old now, and I am especially keen on how young people want this city to be like 40 years from now.

"We need a vision for 2050 as the original master-plan envisaged the city until today.

"It is an event where I want people to think outside the box and start thinking what we want and forget about current constraints.

"How will technology change our transport, work, business, energy, buildings, leisure pretty much everything is up for challenge.

"I want our children to be even more proud of us than we are of our predecessors."

High-climber Willow raises Haiti cash

A SCHOOLGIRL raised £500 for the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti by climbing the equivalent of 325 metres.

On Monday Willow Pochin, 7, from Windsor Street, Wolverton, climbed to the top of the 13 metre high Ellis Brigham Climbing Wall in Xscape, Central Milton Keynes, 25 times. Willow, who attends Wyvern School in Wolverton, had 2.5 hours to do the climb but completed it in one hour and 17 minutes.

She said: "It was really hard work and I'm quite achy now but it was well worth it. I am already thinking of doing another charity event and climbing even further."

Jobless numbers up

THE unemployment rate in Milton Keynes has risen sharply after falling for four months running.

Official statistics released last week revealed that the number of working-age people claiming jobseeker's allowance rose to five per cent in January.

This means the rate has returned to the 14-year high reached in August last year.

It is a rise of 0.5 per cent since December.

A total of 7,539 people claimed jobseeker's allowance in January, 719 more than the month before.

The rate is 1.3 per cent higher than a year ago, in January 2009, when 5,387 people claimed jobseeker's allowance.

The regional average also rose by 0.2 per cent in January, reaching 3.2 per cent, after staying steady since September.

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Training pays off as MK team conquers Mount Kilimanjaro

BY LAURA HANNAM
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The Climb Your Mountain team celebrate the climb of Mount Kilimanjaro

A TEAM of 18 people have endured heavy rain and freezing temperatures to reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

The group raised over £25,000 for Milton Keynes-based charity Climb Your Mountain (CYM), which helps support people with depression, stress and anxiety.

The team trekked for six days coping with temperatures down to -20 degrees centigrade to reach the 5,895metre high summit of Mount Kilimanjaro last week.

Charlie Wardle, founder of Climb Your Mountain who led the expedition, said: "This is the second CYM Kili challenge and it doesn't get any easier.

"We had very heavy rain during the jungle part of the trek and Arctic conditions at the top but the team battled through and we made it to the summit.

"A couple of our members didn't quite reach the top due to medical problems but we were all there to support each other.

"It's all about hard work, determination and team work. I am extremely proud of everyone who took part."

The team began training six months ago with hikes across the UK and cold weather training to the top of Mount Snowdon in November.

Wendy Robins, 50, from Milton Keynes has benefited from Climb Your Mountain helping her overcome depression over the last nine months.

She said: "I can't believe what I have done; climbing Kilimanjaro and being part of the CYM team has been a life changing experience.

"My life has been turned around. I have made so many new friends, gained so much in confidence and now know what I can achieve in life."

The money raised will help CYM to host free educational courses to help people understand and manage their mental health and wellbeing.

The charity also runs free weekly running clubs, walking clubs, and fitness classes in the city, regional hikes and mountain climbing challenges helping hundreds of people climb their own personal mountain.

CYM now has over 400 members and has organised over 45 challenges since its inception in April 2008.

In May 2010, the charity is taking a team of 20 to trek the Great Wall of China and two more Mount Kilimanjaro challenges are planned in December 2010 and February 2011.

These fund-raising trips to Kilimanjaro are open to the public.

To register your interest or for more information contact Charlie at info@climbyourmountain.org or call 01908 231275.

■ CYM is holding two further dates for its day course on how to identify the symptoms of stress and depression, the benefits of exercise and nutrition and how to increase self-esteem, confidence and motivation.

David Lloyd Leisure will host the courses on Saturday, February 27 and Saturday, March 6 from 9.30am-3pm. Call Charlie to register or visit www.climbyourmountain.org

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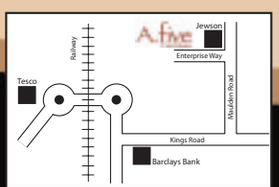

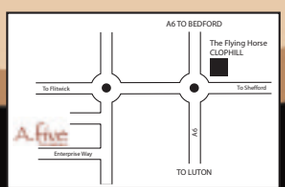

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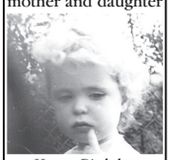

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Our love always Lynford, Grant, Mel & Mum x

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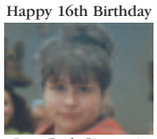

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Happy 1st Birthday SIENNA MOLLICA on 24.02.10

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Look who's 50 SURJIT SINGH BADHAM

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Happy 18th Birthday 20th February

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DANTE BARILE

Not so sweet and innocent now you're 18!

Happy Birthday
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PETER JONES

Happy 60th Birthday Dad
24-02-1950

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24th February 2009

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Love from Barbara Zoë, Suzanne, Darren, Tia and Phoebe xxx

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Died age 6.
21.02.92
We loved you so much Daniel that we let you go, Just how much we love you , you will never know.
Love and miss you so much.
Love Mum, Dad, Ben and Megan xxx

HARRY SWALES

1926- 2003

Missing you still.

Love from Emmie, Gordon, Lynne, David, Jane, Anna and Arron

ANNE-ROSE BELCHER

21st February 2005

Always in our thoughts.

A lovely lady and a joy to know and be with.
Much loved and missed by friends and family.

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22nd February 2006
If tears could build a bridge and memories a lane, We'd walk right up to heaven and bring you back again.
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Mum, Elaine, Anthony, Sophie and new baby granddaughter Amelia x

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22/2/09

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Love also the Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren xx

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24th February 2005
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In our hearts forever Lynn,
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Miss and love you forever.
Mum, Ian, Dianne, Catherine, Claire and Lois.

MARIO FLORIO

19th February 2006
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SHIRLEY COLES

22.02.09

A dearly loved sister and auntie.
We miss you so much
Love Vera, Jayne, Lee, Hayley & Katie xx

SHIRLEY COLES

A year has passed, and yet it seems like you're going to walk round the corner with a big roast :-)
Hope your booging away up there to "Amazing Grace".
We really do miss you sooo much nanny,
We would do anything to see again,
You meant the world to me and you'll be in our heart forever!!
We love you.
Georgia, Christopher & Heidi

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24th February 2005
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Love Linda, Paul, Karen, Tony and Katie

SHEILA BURKE

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Your loving husband Edmund

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24th February 2005
Always in our thoughts
Sadly missed
Love Mum and Dad

NEIL CRAWLEY

Daddy
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear. All our love
Manda, Jaden and Ellis x

NEIL CRAWLEY

25th February 2004
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day,
Missing you is a heartache,
That never goes away.
With love
Mum and Dad x x

JOAN TURNER

20th February 2009

God called your name so softly, that only you could hear, and no one heard the footsteps of the angels drawing near.
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As the husband of Doreen my thanks to my family, friends and neighbours that helped and supported me during my sad loss of my wife.

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Gang assault and rob boy of mobile

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy was assaulted and robbed by a gang of five boys.

The incident happened at about 4.30pm, on Saturday, February 6 as the victim was walking with his girlfriend in Fryday Street, Leadenhall.

They walked past a group of five boys standing outside a house and one of them made an offensive remark.

The victim and his girlfriend ignored them and carried on walking through the underpass, under the H7 Chaffron Way, into the play park in Oldbrook.

As they came out of the underpass, they heard footsteps behind them and as the victim turned round, he was punched in the face by one of the five boys.

He was then kicked and punched in the stomach and fell to floor. The offender searched his pockets and took his mobile phone.

The offender is described as white, about 16-years-old, five foot eight inches tall and slim. He was wearing a grey hooded top and denim jeans.

Police would like to speak to anyone who saw this group hanging around the area or anyone who believes they know the identity of the offenders.

Two 16-year-old boys, a 17-year-old boy and an 18-year-old boy have been arrested on suspicion of robbery and released on bail pending further enquiries.

Call DC John Swallow on 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

99 change brands as staff cha cha for tea tea

EVERYTHING stopped for tea on Monday as Co-op shoppers witnessed service with a difference.

Olney's Co-operative shoppers found staff partaking of a tea dance to mark the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight.

Dressed in formal dance competition outfits and waltzing around the store, staff were encouraging customers to switch from conventional brands to Fairtrade products.

Customers who make the switch to Fairtrade tea will benefit growers in the world's poorest countries, including Malawi, which produces tea for Co-op's iconic 99 Tea brand.

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We are holding our next Housing Services Forum meeting on **Thursday 4th March 2010.**

This informal meeting is open to all Milton Keynes residents and anyone with an interest in housing issues.

At the meeting we will be focussing on Regeneration in MK:

There will be an update from the three current regeneration areas in MK – The Lakes Estate, Tinkers Bridge and Fishermead.

There will also be an opportunity to talk about what areas in Milton Keynes should be next for regeneration.

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The meeting will start at 7.30pm and finish at 9.30pm.

Light refreshments will be available. Parking is free and we can arrange transport if necessary.

Places are limited so please call Kat to book your place now on **01908 679250** or e-mail: get.involved@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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90 tellys stolen as lorry driver sleeps

NINETY televisions were stolen from a lorry while the driver was asleep.

The lorry was parked on Burners Lane South in Kiln Farm on Monday, February 1, between 2am and 6am, 90 42ins LG flat screen televisions, worth £50,000, were taken.

£50,000 worth of 42ins LG TVs were stolen from a lorry parked at Kiln Farm

Police are urging anyone who knows or hears of any of these televisions being offered for sale privately to contact them.

Anyone with information is urged to contact PC Michelle Whiting at Milton Keynes police station on 0845 8505505, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

DVD made for child adopters

A CHARITY has created a new DVD to help prospective adopters decide on the children they might adopt.

The concept was developed following the Find Me a Family series screened on Channel 4 as part of its Forgotten Children season last May, which followed a number of prospective adopters through the adoption process.

Since then Woolstone-based adoption agency St Francis' Children's Society has worked with The British Association of Adoption and Fostering and Channel 4 to create exercises and experiences to help adoptive parents.

Many of the exercises were held over a residential weekend and included hands on experience with children who typically wait longest, being interviewed by a panel of 'looked after' children and running a children's party.

Chris Large, from the society said: "Recent research showed that 42 per cent of people would rather adopt a single child than a sibling group, 26 per cent wouldn't adopt a child over five, and 38 per cent didn't want a child with disabilities – but these are the children waiting for adoption.

"The exercises developed challenged these perceptions, and there was a noticeable change in the adopters."

A DVD and training manual has been produced that will enable adoption and fostering agencies to use the exercises.

The society is hosting an open evening tonight at its offices at 48 Newport Road, Woolstone from 6.30-8.30pm for anyone considering adoption.

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Arrests after cigs raid

FOUR people from Milton Keynes have been arrested in connection with a robbery and attempted robbery in Northampton.

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The second, on January 6, saw a large amount of cash and cigarettes stolen.

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Sheep back grazing on Campbell Park

THE city's flock of sheep has returned to Campbell Park to continue its conservation work.

The 120 sheep graze about half the park and are vital to conservation, helping to manage large areas of grassland in order to create a richer diversity of wildlife. Their grazing deters weeds and scrub and encourages the growth of wildflower-rich meadows.

Like all domestic animals and wildlife, sheep are sensitive to loud noises and sudden movements and The Parks Trust is asking dog owners, cyclists and walkers to continue to enjoy the park but also to take special care when travelling through grazing areas.

Cyclists are advised to slow down and all dog walkers should keep their dogs on a lead and under close control when within any grazing area. Dogs should never be allowed to chase wildlife or other animals in the park.

Sheep and cattle graze about 800 of the trust's 4,500 acres of parkland throughout the city, including the Ouse Valley, Ouzel Valley, Woughton on the Green and Shenley Toot.

Liz Woznicki from The Parks Trust, said: "Sheep are a great, and green, way of grazing our parkland. As well as being good for biodiversity they can also reach the parts that more conventional mowing machinery would find difficult. Not only are they highly practical to use, sheep are a well-loved feature of Campbell Park that bring adults and children closer to the countryside."

Sheep grazing deters weeds and encourages the growth of wild flowers

The sheep and other cattle reared on parkland and meadows in Milton Keynes are also farmed to produce lamb and beef. Through Parkland Produce, The Parks Trust's new venture to deliver fresh lamb and beef to local residents, they provide local, high quality lamb and beef via an online box scheme. All profits are reinvested into Milton Keynes' parks.

For further information visit www.theparkstrust.com

Public sector co-ops backed

CITY MP Mark Lancaster has come out in support of proposals to give public sector workers the power to form employee-owned co-operatives to take over the services they deliver.

It is hoped that this will empower thousands of public sector workers across Milton Keynes and help to improve services around the area.

The new right to form employee-owned co-operatives will apply throughout the vast majority of the public sector including JobCentre Plus offices, community nursing teams and primary schools.

Mr Lancaster said: "I believe the people of Milton Keynes should have the best services possible available to them and public sector workers should have the chance to become their own boss. This proposal could dramatically change, for the better, the way fundamental services run in our community and will give the people of Milton Keynes much more power."

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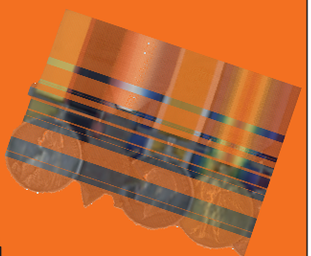

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Private equity firm buys city buildings

THE CBXII buildings in the city centre have been bought for £20.6million.

Private equity real estate firm Benson Elliot Capital Management has exchanged contracts on the acquisition of the building on Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes.

CBXII comprises offices, retail and leisure accommodation, split over three buildings.

Office tenants include Argos, the Homes and Communities Agency and Regus.

The acquisition, the first purchase for Benson Elliot in the UK, was made on behalf of Benson Elliot Real Estate Partners II, L.P.

Phil Irons, partner and head of UK Investment at Benson Elliot, said: "CBXII is a good quality asset in a strong location, with real added value potential.

"The purchase price is well below replacement cost and we have been able to acquire the building at what we believe to be an attractive yield in the current environment."

Library's leaky dome replaced

A NEW chapter in the life of the central library begins this month now work on replacing a leaking dome with a central glass pyramid roof is complete.

The glass dome above the staircase was replaced by a new one after essential work was carried out on the original dome.

The dome formed part of the original building which opened in the 1980s but was letting the heat escape and the rain in.

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All change as bus firm tests mobile 'm-tickets'

BUS bosses are looking for guinea pigs in an initiative that could see the end of paper tickets.

Operator Arriva is asking passengers in Milton Keynes to test its new m-tickets, where passes are downloaded onto mobile phones.

The technology, which was trialled last year, allows passengers to show their ticket to the driver on their phone screen.

It allows users to buy day savers, weekly savers and 4-weekly savers on their phone, any day, any time.

Linsey Frostick, customer service manager, said: "There are a number of benefits in using your mobile phone to purchase tickets. Bus users can simply buy and store their ticket until they're ready to activate it and hop on a bus.

"All they need to do is show their ticket to the driver on their phone screen.

"It also means no more fumbling for change when they get on the bus as well as being quick, easy and twice as secure as typical online transactions."

As part of its m-ticketing launch, Arriva is currently offering a discounts on tickets and will contiune to do so until £30,000 worth has been given away.

Visit www.arrivabus.co.uk for details.

Gays celebrated at code-cracker park

BLETCHLEY Park is celebrating the gay community in the city.

As part of the annual Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans (LGBT) History Month, Bletchley Park will be celebrating the lives and achievements of the LGBT community at a special event on Sunday.

Among other things, the event will focus on the life and work of codebreaker, Alan Turing, during his time at Bletchley Park, with special lectures and films.

Alan Turing who was one of many great mathematical minds who worked at Bletchley Park during World War Two, and was also a gay man.

He is recognised for his great intellect and for his contribution towards breaking the Enigma codes and the development of the Bombe machine, all of which helped to shorten the war by two years and save thousands of lives.

Later, he was persecuted for his sexuality.

The day will include a number of talks including;

■ The Wartime Achievements of Alan Turing at Bletchley Park - Frank Carter, a college lecturer in mathematics and a longtime guide and researcher at Bletchley Park.

■ Why we need to claim our history - Tony Fenwick, co-founder and Chair of LGBT History Month.

■ John Goss from Q:alliance, which provides information, support, representation and fun for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people who live, work and play in the Milton Keynes area.

Stephen Kettle the Sculptor of the famous Alan Turing slate statue will also be at Bletchley Park throughout the day talking about his famous creation.

A selection of films will be shown in the Bletchley Park Enigma Cinema, plus a documentary about the life of Alan Turing.

Visitors can also see the office in which Alan Turing worked in Hut 8 and the Bombe machine, designed by Turing with Gordon Welchman to speed up the process of breaking the Enigma codes. The Pink Punters Rainbow Bus will also be on site throughout the day.

■ For visitor information, contact 01908 640404, info@bletchleypark.org.uk, or persecuted for his sexualitygo to www.bletchleypark.org.uk

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Flo slopes off for more Midnight Moo practise

BUSY mascot Florence Moo has taken to the slippery slopes in Milton Keynes.

Willen Hospice's new mascot for its MK Midnight Moo event has been practising her skiing at SNO!zone in Xscape, Central Milton Keynes.

Melanie Harriss, spokesman for Willen Hospice, said: "Florence had to take to the indoor slope in order to get some skiing in, as she missed out on her annual trip to Val d'Isere with the girls due to being so busy with preparations for the Midnight Moo."

"One thousand ladies have already signed up so get in quick to make sure you are part of this fantastic fundraising event for the Hospice."

The MK Midnight Moo starts at midnight on Saturday, July 17 from Midsummer Place Shopping Centre and follows a circular, well-lit and marshalled route along the redways in Milton Keynes.

Entry for the sponsored walk is £15 per person and all entrants will receive a MK Midnight Moo T-Shirt, refreshments throughout the course and a medal on finishing.

To join Florence's herd you can register online at www.mkmidnightmoo.com or call the MK Midnight Moo hotline on 01908 306698.

Slippery slope: Florence Moo

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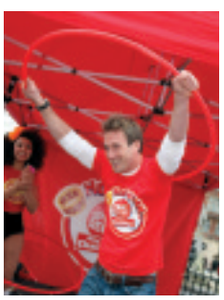

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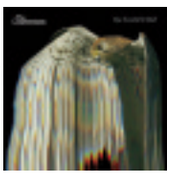
NUMBER ONE ENEMY
Daisy Dares You

IF the dare was to listen to this all the way through then I passed, but by God it was a close run thing.
This is beepy, blippy, rapidly irritating and Chipmunk's contribution is almost as unnecessary as Vanilla Ice's on Jedward's single. However, in its favour there's more life in this song than...

REMEMBER DECEMBER
Demi Lovato

WHEN the world of popular music is finally run according to the rules that the corporations would doubtless like it run by, this is the sort of thing you can expect to hear more of.
It's a song with plenty of energy but no heart, and the problem is this - there was nothing in this song that me sit up and think, 'Oh, that's interesting'.
Here's the checklist for you.
Driving beat - check.
Driving melody - check.
Song suitable for playing during some bland teen movie while the protagonists are driving through a city at night - check.
Incredibly straightforward guitar solo in the middle - check.
No key change at the end, with the participants going instead for the big finish guaranteed to get adoring fans cheering when it's played live - oh, absolutely check.
If this song wasn't put together using feedback from focus groups, then it sounds like it was.
Honestly, this song doesn't offer the world anything new.
Most people get into music because they want to leave behind some songs that will live on long after they're gone, and I'm sure that was the intention here.
Sadly, this is one song that won't outlive its creator.

YOU OVERDID IT DOLL
Courteeners



HERE'S another song with a driving beat and a driving melody, but that's where the comparison with Ms Lovato's single ends.
For one thing, this song's really good and that instantly rules it out of any bland teen movies.
Well done, the Courteeners, dodged a bullet there.
Mind you, the title alone would have probably done the trick on its own, but considering the title and the fact that it's a fairly uptempo song this is an oddly understated number.
The storyline is 'don't go out partying every night or you'll regret it', a point proven beyond any reasonable doubt in the video, and if you ask me (one of these days someone actually will, even though always give you the answer anyway) this should be a big hit.
However, we live in a world where 3OH!3 are doing alright, so all bets are off.

SPORT RELIEF

TV presenter Ben Fogle showed off his hula hooping skills recently to encourage people to sign up

AN attempt to break a new hula hooping record is to be held in Milton Keynes.
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THE GALLEON

Old Wolverton Road, Old Wolverton
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Reviewed by Laura Hannam

HAVING been empty for more than a year The Galleon pub has reopened in style.

The new management has given the canal-side pub, built in the early 18th century, a complete facelift.

The family pub has been kitted out with a stylish bar, modern booth seating and is decorated tastefully with images of barges, paying tribute to its heritage on the Grand Union Canal.

In the summer the pub's new outdoor area and barbecue overlooking the canal will be a fantastic place to chill out and watch the barges go by, while the kids enjoy the pub's play area.

The management have also launched a new menu offering good quality pub food using locally sourced ingredients.

My guest and I ordered starters of a crab stuffed large mushroom cap served with white wine cream sauce (£4.95) and nachos from the specials menu (£3.95).

The mushroom dish was served with a very generous amount of crab and the nachos came with a particularly delicious guacamole.

For the main course my guest ordered baked chicken breast with goats cheese, served with a sun dried tomato and cream sauce (£10.95).

I tried shepherd's pie (£6.95) served with parsnip, carrots and broccoli, which made a hearty winter meal.

For dessert I had a beautiful creamy New York cheesecake with ice cream and my guest tried sticky toffee pudding with ice cream (both £3.95).

All of the meals were well cooked and presented and the portions were generous.

The service was exceptionally friendly and the atmosphere in the pub was relaxed and pleasant.

I would recommend a visit.

Families could also take advantage of the pub's offer to cook a whole roast chicken and all the trimmings to feed up to five people for £25 (pre order only).

Plus the pub has conference or events facilities.

The Galleon serves a snack menu from 11.30am until 10.30pm and its dinner menu is served from 5.30pm until 9.30pm.

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TONGUE IN CHIC

Sunday, March 14

DESCRIBED by John Hegley as 'a very special poetry Sunday', Tongue in Chic continues to bring the best poets it can find to Milton Keynes.

Building on the success on January's fantastic start to the year, writer and musician Tim Clare will headline .

Tim Clare is a gifted performer who brings energy, humour, brio (and a ukulele) to the stage.

Tim has appeared on BBC2, Radio 1, 2, 4 and 6 and written for the Guardian, the Times and the Independent. He is a regular performer at many festivals including Glastonbury, Leeds and Reading, and Latitude. As he gears up for his first ever solo show which he plans to take to Edinburgh you can catch him now and save the train fare.

In support this month, local artist Richard Frost takes the spotlight. Richard has a growing reputation and his unique mix of humour, wordplay and oblique world view is sure to entertain.

Open Mic spots available – have your three minutes of fame and Open Mic performers can get tickets at the concession rate.

Host, Mark Niel is no slouch himself, having just won the Big Love Slam in Bilston on February 6 beating 15 other poets from all over the UK. Mark was also nominated for the Best Performance by a UK Poet in the annual Farrago Spoken Word Awards.

Tongue in Chic enters the world of publishing with a Yearbook Anthology called 'Reflections from Mirror City'. Local writers who supported the event in 2009 and guest artists were invited to take part in the project.

For more information on the show or Open Mic opportunities, email Mark Niel at markniel@gmail.com or call 01908 691755 to reserve tickets.

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	9" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL	12" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL	12" Deep Pan	15" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL
1. PAPA LUIGI SPECIAL Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Mushroom, Salami, Peppers, Olives, Anchovies	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
2. HOT "N" SPICY Tomato, Cheese, Salami, Peppers, Jalapenos, Garlic	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
3. VEGI SPECIAL Tomato, Cheese ,Peppers, Corn, Mushrooms, Pineapple, Olives, Onion	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
4. PESCATORE Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawns, Anchovies	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
5. BBQ BONANZA Cheese, BBQ Sauce, Red Onions, Spicy Beef, Sausage	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
6. TEXAN BBQ BBQ Sauce, Cheese, Onion, Peppers, BBQ Chicken, Bacon	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
7. PEPPERONI FEAST Double Mozzarella, Double Pepperoni	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
8. MILANESE Tomato, Cheese, Ham , Mushrooms	£9.50	£10.50	£12.00	£15.00
9. HAWAIIAN Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Pineapple	£9.50	£10.50	£12.00	£15.00
10. MIGHTY MEATY Tomato, Cheese, Salami, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	£10.30	£12.00	£14.00	£17.00
11. CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA Tomato, Cheese, Chicken Tikka, Onion, Peppers	£10.30	£12.00	£14.00	£17.00
12. NEW YORKER Tomato, Onion & Green Peppers, Cheese, Salami, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	£10.30	£12.00	£14.00	£17.00
13. MEAT LOVERS Tomato, Cheese, Double Salami, Double Pepperoni, Double Ham, Double Beef	£12.00	£14.00	£16.00	£19.00

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Seafood Special — Yellow fin tuna, baby prawns, anchovies, olives	£9.15	£11.50	£14.75
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3	PEPPERONI FEAST — Onion, Muchrooms & Pepperoni	9.50	12.50	15.50
4	OCEAN FEAST — Tuna, Prawns, Anchovies & Tomatos	9.50	12.50	15.50
5	CHICKEN FEAST — BBQ Sauce, Plain Chicken, Mushrooms & Peppers	9.50	12.50	15.50
6	AMERICANA — Onion, Pepperoni, Beef, Green Chillies & Peppers	9.50	12.50	15.50
7	MEXICANA — Chicken Tikka, Jalepenos, Peppers, & Pineapple	9.50	12.50	15.50
8	TASTY VEGGIE — Onion, Mushroom, Sweetcorn, Peppers, Olives & Tomatos	9.50	12.50	15.50
9	MEAT FEAST — Beef, Pepperoni, Turkey & Chicken Tikka	9.50	12.50	15.50
10	TASTY SPECIAL — Onion, Chiken, Green Chillies, Peppers & Tomatoes	10.00	13.00	16.00
11	TASTY FULL HOUSE — Beef, Pepperoni, Peppers, Sweetcorn, Onion & Turkey	10.50	13.50	16.50
12	FREE CHOICE — Choose 4 Toppings - Choose a Base from Tomato, BBQ, Garlic Mayo & Chilli	10.50	13.50	16.50
13	DONER PIZZA — Doner Meat, Onions & Jalepenos	9.50	12.50	16.00
14	GRAND TANDOORI CHICKEN — Topping, Red Onion, Green Chilli, Tandoori Chicken, Garlic Sauce & Fresh Coriander	9.50	12.50	16.00
15	CHICKEN BBQ PIZZA — BBQ base, Onion, Turkey Meat & BBQ Chicken	9.50	12.50	16.00
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And Sunday
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40 Watts at The White Horse, Stony. Party-time covers. Free entry. Starts 9pm.

SUNDAY
HOT for Teacher. Woughton Leisure Centre. Classic covers from Lynard Skynard, Ac/Dc, Black Sabbath, Thin Lizzy. 1.15 -3pm. Free, families welcome.

MONDAY
PUSH'N'TONE, Campbell Park. Push your buggy and tone your body. Fun outdoor excercise with baby organised by the Parks Trust. Campbell Park Pavillion 10-11.15am.

TUESDAY
THAMES Valley Police Surgery, Bletchley Library. 5-7pm. Drop in with any questions or information .

CAPITALISM: A LOVE STORY (12A)
Michael Moore, Frank Moore
From Friday
A COMPANION-PIECE to Roger & Me, Capitalism: A Love Story sees Michael Moore return to the theme of corporate hegemony, this time how it effects everyday Americans on a nationwide scale.

MICMACS (15)
Dany Boon, Andre Dussollier, Nicolas Marie, Jean-Pierre Marielle
From Friday
WHILE witnessing a gun battle, videostore clerk Bazil (Boon) is hit in the head by a stray bullet. He survives, but is left homeless and jobless. After he's taken in by a group of scrapyard-dwelling misfits, Bazil sets out to wreak his own inimitable revenge on the arms manufacturers who both made the bullet that hit him, and the landmine that killed his father some years previously.

BLACK DEATH (2010)
Eddie Redmayne, Sean Bean, Carice van Houten, John Lynch
From Friday
A YOUNG monk, at the time of the Black Plague in Britain is sent to discover the truth behind rumours about a village which seems to be faring suspiciously better than others in these dark times.

FREESTYLE
Arinze Kene, Lucy Stanhope-Bosumpim, Suzann McLean
From Friday
TEENAGERS from very different sides of the tracks bond through the medium of hip hop dance/basketball hybrid.

THE LOVELY BONES (12A)
Susan Sarandon, Rachel Weisz, Saoirse Ronan, Mark Wahlberg
From Friday
DECEMBER 6, 1973, Pennsylvania. Vivacious teenager Susie Salmon (Ronan), fresh with the bloom of new love, is groomed, then murdered by her neighbour George Harvey . As Susie's parents (Wahlberg, Weisz) try to cope with their devastating loss and Harvey tries to cover his tracks, Susie keeps track on and influences their lives from a celestial purgatory.

THE LAST STATION (15)
Helen Mirren, Christopher Plummer, James McAvoy, Paul Giamatti, Anne-Marie Duff, Kerry Condon
From Friday
VALENTIN (McAvoy) is thrilled to become secretary to the world's greatest living author, Count Leo Tolstoy (Plummer), only to be caught up in the turbulent complexities of Tolstoy's life and marriage to Sofya (Mirren). While Valentin discovers life and love, Tolstoy has had about enough of both.

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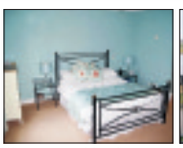
•Kitchen/family room with high vaulted ceilings •Study •Two en-suites and family bathroom
•Large rear garden •Private block paved driveway leading to the double garage•

Caldecotte Lake £575,000

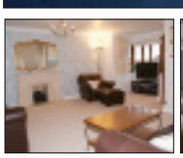
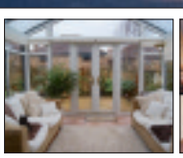


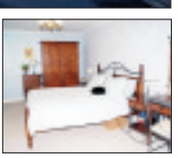
•Stunning lake side townhouse •Offers a wealth of accommodation
•Large kitchen/family room •Dining room •Lounge to the first floor and a guest bedroom
•Four further double bedrooms •En-suite facilities
•Detached double garage •Ample off road parking

Whaddon £675,000

•Immaculately presented executive property •Situated in village location
•Three reception rooms •Kitchen/Breakfast
•Games room •Two en suites and family bathroom
•Substantial driveway leading to double garage •Gardens

Downhead Park £475,000



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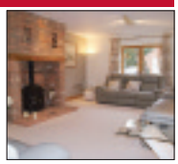
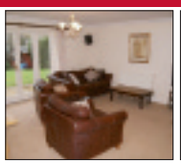
Hartwell £625,000



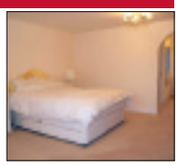
- High specification village property offering extremely generous living accommodation.
- 23ft kitchen/breakfast room
- Dining room
- Study
- 20ft lounge
- Conservatory
- Six double bedrooms two with en suite
- Own private parking with gravel driveway leading to a substantial garage.

Bletchley £469,000



- Spacious five bedroom detached executive residence
- Situated on a private plot
- Close proximity to Bletchley's mainline railway station.
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen/family room
- Two en suites and family bathroom
- Generous gardens to front and rear
- Private access to the gravel driveway•

Grange Farm £485,000



- Five bedroom versatile detached
- Lounge
- Dining room
- 35ft kitchen/breakfast/family room
- Master bedroom enjoying a dressing room and five piece en suite
- Two family bathrooms
- Generous landings on 1st and 2nd floor
- Detached double garage
- Large rear garden

Grange Farm £400,000

- Immaculately presented five bed detached executive residence
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen/family room
- Two dressing rooms
- Two en-suites and family bathroom
- Gardens to front and rear
- Gated access to off road parking and double garage.

Woolstone £640,000

- Spacious detached property
- Situated on a generous plot in Woolstone
- Impressive lounge
- Dining room
- Study
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Master bedroom found on the first floor
- One bedroom self contained annexe
- Wealth of versatility within secluded private grounds.

Shenley Church End £565,000

- Beautifully presented five double bedroomed detached
- Enviably located on a generous plot
- Lounge with Inglenook fireplace
- Dining room
- Large study
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- 2 with en suites
- Feature galleried landing
- Double garage and large front and rear gardens

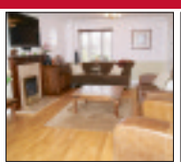
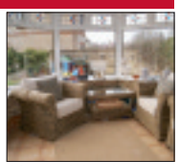
Medbourne £445,000

- Stunning detached executive residence
- Offers a wealth of living accommodation
- Boasts a large studio on top of the detached double garage.
- Three reception rooms
- Generous kitchen/breakfast]
- Master bedroom having an en-suite and dressing room
- Ample parking to the front
- Beautifully landscaped rear garden

Nash £895,000

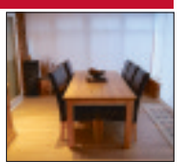
- Individually designed 5 reception room country home
- Sits in beautifully presented grounds
- Ggrand reception hall overlooked by the feature galleried landing
- Four reception rooms
- En suite bathrooms to the master and guest bedroom
- 2 further bedrooms and main bathroom
- Swimming pool
- Oversize double garage to the front with studio apartment above and private bathroom•

Shenley Church End £389,950

- Beautifully presented four bed detached
- Situated on a large plot
- Large entrance hall and galleried landing
- Three reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- En-suite to master and family bathroom
- Double garage
- Generous gardens•

Oxley Park O.I.E.O. £375,000



- Popular 'Westbury Home' design overlooking green areas in Oxley Park.
- Two reception rooms
- Generous kitchen/family room
- Conservatory
- Four bedrooms 2 with en suite
- Ample parking in front of the detached double garage
- Gardens to front and rear

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- Off Road Parking

Two Mile Ash £219,995

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Gardens to Front and Rear
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

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- Corner Plot
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Coffee Hall £75,000

- One Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Driveway Parking
- No Upper Chain

Westcroft £279,995

- Much Improved Property
- Four Bedroom Link Detached
- Featured on the Tv Show "Don't Move Improve"
- Conservatory
- Two En-Suites
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Oxley Park £285,000

- Four/Five Bedroom Townhouse
- End of Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Downstairs Shower Room
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Must be Viewed!

Milton Keynes £127,500

- 3 Bedroom Property
- Mid Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Woolstone £289,995

- 4 Bedrooms
- Detached Bungalow
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Conservatory
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- Gardens
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- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Coffee Hall £116,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Cloakroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Old Farm Park £49,400

- Two Bedroom Property
- Mid Terrace
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Shared Ownership

Fishermead £75,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Shared Ownership
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Emerson Valley £169,995

- Much Improved
- Two Bedroom Property
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Gardens
- Garage

Shenley Church End £150,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Gardens
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• Detached Executive Property
• Dressing Room
• Jack and Jill ensuite
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Driveway
• Double Garage

Shenley Lodge £77,500

• Three Bedrooms
• Detached Property
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Driveway• Shared Ownership
• 40% share

Central Bletchley £149,995

• Two Bedrooms
• End Of Terrace Property
• Dressing Room
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Driveway
• Garge

Roses Estate £189,995

• Three Bedroom
• Link Detached Property
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Refitted Shower Room
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Garage

CROWNHILL £174,995

• Semi detached home
• Three bedrooms
• Lounge
• Kitchen/diner
• Gardens to front and rear
• Off road parking

Oxley Park £259,995

• Three Bedrooms
• Eco Home
• Two Balconies
• An internal viewing is highly recommended.

Water Eaton £129,995

• Two Bedrooms
• Semi Detached property
• Garden
• Allocated parking
• Viewing Highly Recommended

OLD BLETCHLEY £159,995

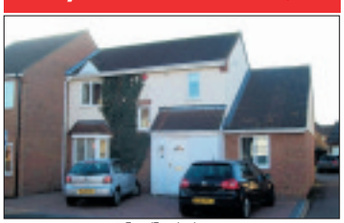
• 1940's Style • Three Bedroom
• Semi-Detached Property
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Re-Fitted Kitchen
• Conservatory

Mr & Mrs M are looking for a three bedroom detached property in the Shenleys. If you are thinking of selling please call Taylors Westcroft on 01908 524456

Westcroft £75,000

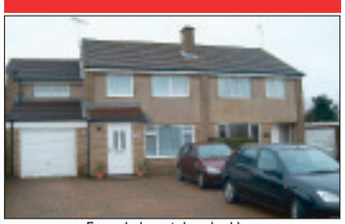
• Two Bedrooms
• Apartment
• Carport
• Shared Ownership
• 50% Share
• Internal viewing is highly recommended
• The property has a £7000 premium.

Bailey Croft £219,995



• Four/Five bedrooms
• Semi Detached Property
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Refitted Kitchen
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking

Poets Guide Price £200,000



• Extended semi detached home
• Four bedrooms
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Lounge and dining room
• Gardens to front and rear
• Garage and off road parking

Tattenhoe Guide Price £229,995

• Three storey home
• Five bedrooms
• En suite to master bedroom
• Downstairs cloakroom
• Gardens, garage and off road parking
• No upper chain

Furzton £399,995

• Six Bedrooms
• Detached Property
• Double Driveway
• Single Garage
• Gardens

Central Bletchley £149,500

• Three Bedrooms
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Reiftted Kitchen
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Garage In Block

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Wolverton O.I.E.O. £155,000

• Four Bedroom
• Terraced Home
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing (where specified)
• Separate Receptions
• Cellar • Wet Room
• Garden and Garage

Wolverton Mill O.I.E.O. £215,000

• Well Presented
• Four Bedroom
• Mid-Terraced Home
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing
• Garage
• Off Road Parking

Deanshanger £240,000

• Extended
• Extremely Spacious
• Five Bedroom
• Semi Detached Property
• Countryside Views
• Off Road Parking
• Internal Viewing Is Highly Recommended

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Four Bedrooms In Stony Stratford And Old Stratford For Waiting Buyers

Old Wolverton £194,995

• Very Well Presented
• Extended Three Bedroom
• Semi Detached Home
• Cul-De-Sac Location
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing • Conservatory
• Off Road Parking and Garden

Hodge Lea £149,995

• Very Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• End Of Terrace Home
• Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
• Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
• Garage In Block
• Viewing Recommended

Old Stratford £225,000

• Well Presented • Three Bedroom
• End Of Terrace
• Double Glazing
• Separate Receptions
• Extended Kitchen
• Mature Garden
• Viewing Recommended

Two Mile Ash £75,000

• Well Presented
• One Bedroom House
• 60% Shared Ownership
• Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
• Parking
• There Is A Premium Of £3,000

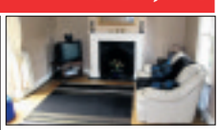
Haversham £275,000

• Extremely Well Presented
• Three/Four Bedroom
• Extended Semi Detached
• Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
• Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
• Refitted Ensuite
• Off Road Parking

New Bradwell O.I.E.O. £125,000

• Well Presented • Two Bedroom
• Ground Floor Flat
• Double Glazing • Electric Heating
• Allocated Parking
• Viewing Recommended

Hanslope £439,995



• Individual and Stunning
• Four Bedroom
• Detached Cottage
• Views Over The Church Grounds
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Cloakroom

Greenleys O.I.E.O. £120,000

• Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• Terrace House
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Rear Garden

Wolverton O.I.E.O. £167,500

• Well Presented • Three Bedroom
• Victorian Style Property
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing
• Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
• Garden and Garage

Stony Stratford £205,000

• Extremely Well Presented
• Updated Two Bedroom
• Victorian Style Property
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Brand New Bathroom
• Off Road Parking
• Internal viewing Recommended

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Three Bedrooms In Two Mile Ash

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NEW INSTRUCTION

• Three bedroom detached
• En suite to master bedroom
• Garage conversion/office
• Lounge and dining room
• Gardens and off road parking
• Backing onto woodland

Olney £199,995

• Semi detached home
• Three bedrooms
• Downstairs cloakroom
• Lounge and kitchen/diner
• Gardens and off road parking

Bozeat £159,995

• Three Bedrooms
• Semi Detached Property
• One Reception Room
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking
• Single Garage

Newport Pagnell £155,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

• Semi detached home
• Two bedrooms
• Separate reception rooms
• Gardens and off road parking
• Single garage

Lavendon £169,950

NEW PRICE

* Staggered Terrace Home
* Three Bedrooms
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Front and Rear Gardens

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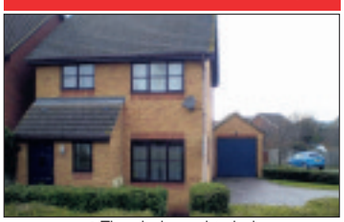
Newport Pagnell £230,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

• Three bedroom detached
• Lounge and dining room
• Conservatory
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Garage and gardens
• Views over Lakes Lane and Bury Field

Lavendon Guide Price £235,000

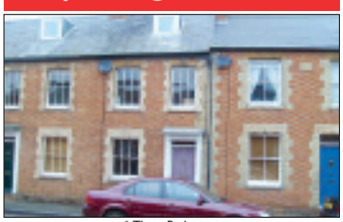


• Three bedroom detached
• Downstairs cloakroom
• Two reception rooms
• Front and rear gardens
• Single garage
• No upper chain

Stoke Goldington £239,995

• Detached family home
• Three bedrooms
• Three reception rooms
• Downstairs cloakroom
• Gardens to front and rear
• Sought after cul de sac location

Newport Pagnell £189,995



* Three Bedrooms
* Victorian Property
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Kitchen
* Re-fitted Bathroom
* Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell £274,995

* Three Bedrooms
* Detached Bungalow
* Re-fitted Kitchen
* Lounge/Diner
* Re-fitted Bathroom
* Re-fitted En-Suite
* Conservatory
* Front & Rear Gardens

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SPACIOUS CANAL SIDE HOME £152,000

An impressive ground floor apartment. A luxury apartment with separate kitchen and a large living room with Juliet balcony. Both bedrooms are doubles and the master has an en-suite and wardrobes. The development lies within walking distance of Leighton Buzzard train station and all the town centre shops and amenities. Peace and quiet with canal to one side and park to other. Ready now, key in office.

TWO BALCONIES OVER PARKLAND £484,995

A striking 6 bedroom house on a fantastic location. The two top floor bedrooms, boast private terrace views and en-suites from the generous rooms. In total there are 4 bathroom/en-suites. Outside the double garage is complemented with a separate driveway. Located near the M1 park and ride, Kingston centre and schooling. The location catchment for Oakgrove School.

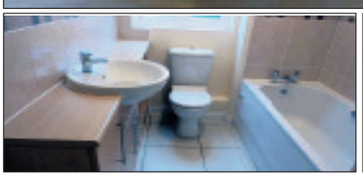
ALMOST 27'FT LOUNGE! £249,950

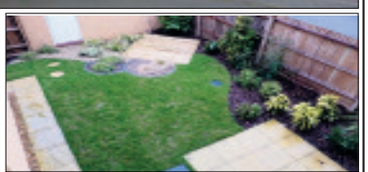
Boasting 4 large double bedrooms and 3 bath/en-suites. Complemented downstairs with an open plan kitchen/dining room, this includes Bosch appliances. Then there the amazing separate double aspect living room and gated parking. Set on a canal side development adjacent to Waterhall Park. Ideally located, just off the A5, A4146 junction for southern destinations. Ready now, key in office.

STONE BUILT OVER LOOKING FIELDS £515,999

It doesn't get much better in Milton Keynes than this view. A stone skin, 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom detached home with a gated drive to double garage, which has a studio/games room above it. Also 3 spacious reception rooms and a family kitchen. Ready now. Situated on the boundary of Milton Keynes with popular schooling and local centre nearby.

LUXURY 4 BEDROOM, 2 EN-SUITE DETACHED £439,999





Fantastic accommodation in this corner plot home with double garage, set in a popular West Milton Keynes area. Offered with many upgrades to the standard specification. The layout of this house provides lots of light from the many windows. Enjoy 3 receptions and a breakfast room. Upstairs are all doubles with en-suites to master and second bedroom. The master has a dressing room with a run of wardrobes. Set on the fringe of Milton Keynes, with the city boundary and countryside a short walk away. Oxley Park boasts popular schooling and a local centre.

FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS £314,950

The link detached house has a abundance of accommodation. This includes a separate double aspect lounge and an open plan kitchen/diner, which also leads out to the garden. The garage has a double drive. Set in the popular East edge of Milton Keynes with excellent access to the M1.

FANTASTIC VALUE DUPLEX APARTMENT £179,995

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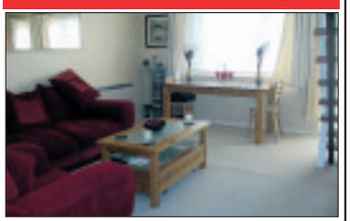
•Unique character cottage
•Off road parking and gardens
•Fabulous village location with great access to Daventry and Milton Keynes.
•Viewing is essentia
l•Available to rent immediately.

Pattishall £595pcm



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•Kitchen
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•Two double bedroom house
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•Kitchen
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•Front and rear gardens.

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•Four bedroom detached property
•Situated in the much sought after area of Shenley brook End
•Three reception rooms
•Conservatory
•Kitchen/breakfast room
•Two en suites
•Double garage
•Offered furnished and is available from mid April

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•Well presented three bedroom property
•Off road parking and gardens
•Downstairs cloakroom
•Separate reception rooms
•En suite to master bedroom
•Situated in the sort after location of Old Stratford.

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Two double bedroom property
Lounge
Kitchen/diner
Conservatory
Offered with optional furnishings and is available mid March

Bletchley £625pcm

•Well presented two bedroom property
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•Central location close to central bletchley
•Lounge, diner, kitchen
•Available soon.

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•Situated in The New 'Bletchley Park' Development
•Available from the first week in April 10 and is Unfurnished
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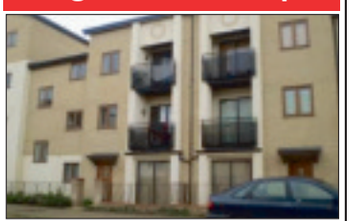
Broughton £725pcm



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•En-suite to master
•Built in wardrobes
•Lounge /diner
•Large kitchen including built in appliances
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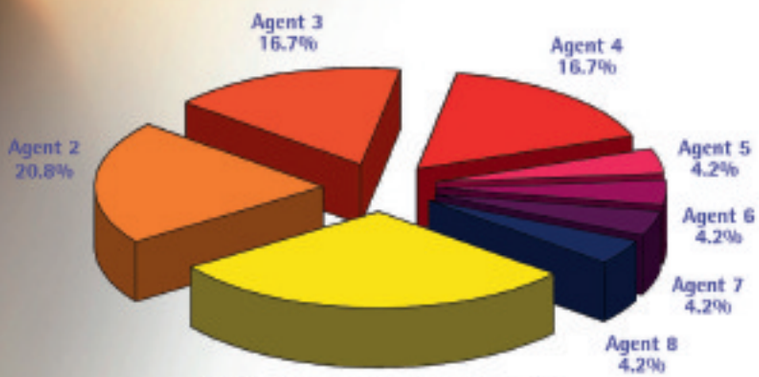

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TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
GARDENS TO FRONT AND REAR

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BRICK BUILT OUTHOUSE
GARDENS AND CARPORT
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION

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SHARED OWNERSHIP
SECOND FLOOR FLAT
ONE BEDROOM
RE-FITTED KITCHEN
RE-FITTED BATHROOM
OFF ROAD PARKING

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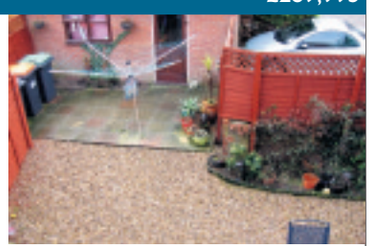

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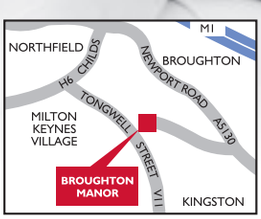

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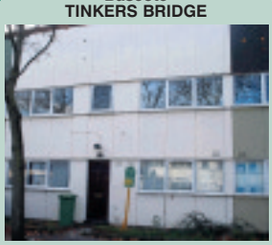

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Health club is official partner to Sport Relief

BANNATYNE'S Health Club in Milton Keynes has become the official health and wellbeing partner of Sport Relief 2010.

As part of its support the health club will be selling special Sport Relief Socks.

The Midsummer Boulevard facility will also be helping participants in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile at Saxon Gate on March 21 gear up for their run with a fun warm-up session, which will take place at City Church.

A team of fitness advisers from the health club will be on stage performing the specially-devised routine to help loosen muscles and build excitement ahead of the run.

In the build up to the Sport Relief Weekend, which takes place between March 19 and 21, Bannatyne's will be hosting a series of fund-raising activities in support of the charity.

Made from Fairtrade-certified cotton, the socks cost £2, with at least £1 going to Sport Relief, and are available from the health club's reception.

Duncan Bannatyne, chairman of Bannatyne Fitness, said: "Sport Relief is a brilliant way to help people in the UK and around the world. I'd encourage anyone, no matter what their sporting ability, to rise to the challenge to raise money for this excellent charity."

Getting back into work

WHEN you're over 50 life can have its challenges but when you're looking to go back to work during a recession things get really tough.

The job market can feel like a really scary place and when you feel that your age is going to count against you, then often you don't know where to start.

Kathy Chapman, from Wolverton, was a teacher before she decided in 2004 to change her job.

She worked in retail for a couple of years and was then out of work for two years, apart from a short-term Christmas job. During this time her confidence fell and she felt she had no new skills to offer an employer.

A chance conversation over the garden wall led Kathy to Women and Work, a local charity offering information, advice, guidance and training to both women and men looking to return to work.

Kathy said: "I was desperate for information and advice on how to get going again.

"I had no idea places like this existed. They had such great empathy, I felt that they really understood where I was coming from."

Kathy signed up for the 'Reaching Older Workers' project, a 13 week programme to support people over 50 back into the workplace through training courses, workshops, job search support club and 1-2-1 sessions with an adviser.

Kathy Chapman (standing) from Wolverton with Christine Simons were job hunting in the Job Search Skills Club together

Through the ROW project, Kathy attended the eight session Interpersonal Skills Course, which she says changed her life.

She added: "As an older woman you write yourself off a bit, if you're not young and beautiful you can feel useless. Being told you're highly skilled and valued and not on the scrap heap feels great.

"After attending the Job Search Skills Club and some of the workshops, I actually dared to apply for a job, and I got an interview through it."

Following her time on the project, Kathy was successful in gaining paid work at Women and Work.

"I would have never considered going for the role if it had not been for the project and the IPS course. I suddenly felt employable again." she said.

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Martin Jackson (pictured above) succeeded in completing his Men in Childcare course and is now working at the Milton Keynes College Early Years Nursery. He obtained student of the Year in 2009.

Milton Keynes Council and Milton Keynes College are offering an Induction Course which could lead to a qualification for men looking to work in childcare. This course will start this April and is fully funded by Milton Keynes Council.

No qualifications needed.

There will be a briefing session held at the college on Thursday 22 April 2010.

For information or to book your place at the briefing session contact the Early Years Workforce Team on 01908 254529
Or email: growchildcare@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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Shenley Brook End School

Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End,
Milton Keynes MK5 7ZT
Tel: 01908 520264 • Fax: 01908 520265

Headteacher: Mr Glen Martin
Group 7 11-18+ Mixed Comprehensive Foundation

Inclusion Centre Supervisor/TA

Grade 4 £15,725-£18,453 per annum pro rata, actual salary £13,063-£15,330 per annum for 37 hours a week, 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am-4.00pm Friday, term time only.

This is an exciting new role involving the day-to-day supervision of the Inclusion Centre, ensuring that it runs smoothly. You will also have administrative duties supporting the SEN department, the pastoral team and rewards and awards. You will need to have a minimum of GCSE Grade C in maths and English language (or equivalent) and some experience of working with young people is preferred.

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Details and an application form are available on our website www.sbeschool.org.uk, via e-mail to personnel@shenleybrookend.milton-keynes.sch.uk or by telephoning 01908 520265.

Closing date: 1.00pm Thursday 11 March 2010

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

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Christ-the-Sower@milton-keynes.gov.uk
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Salary scale: MK4 (level 2) – 25 hpw

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email: Christ-the-Sower@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Telephone: 01908 867356

Closing date: Friday 5 March 2010 at 12 noon.
Interviews: W/C 8 March 2010

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email: Christ-the-Sower@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Telephone: 01908 867356
Closing date: Wednesday 10 March 2010 at 9am
Interview date: w/c 15 March 2010
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Closing date for all posts: 5th March 2010.

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Working hours: Tuesday – Friday, 7am to 3pm
Saturday, 8.30am to 5pm

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If you would like to join our team, please download an application pack at www.waltonhigh.org.uk Online applications are encouraged.

Alternatively contact us on 01908 558765 (24 hrs)

Closing date for applications: midday on Wednesday 10 March 2010

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Closing date: 10th March 2010.

All recruitment documents are available in alternative formats. Please note that CVs will not be accepted.

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For an application pack please download from www.mkcvo.co.uk and return via post or email to ruth.stone@mkcvo.co.uk Please note we do not accept CV's.

MKCVO welcomes applications from suitable candidates regardless of age, gender, disability, faith, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

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Interviews to take place week commencing Monday 8 March 2010

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One day per week. Must have experience of working with children of Primary School age. Qualifications essential.

Closing date for applications: 12.00pm Friday 5 March 2010

Interviews to take place week commencing Monday 8 March 2010

Class Teacher × 2 – September 2010

Salary: TMS + Benefits Package

Closing date for applications: 12.00pm Friday 12 March 2010

Interviews to take place week commencing Monday 22 March 2010

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The Personnel Department
Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NT

The School is committed to the safeguarding of children and adopts recruitment procedures that promote the safety and well being of them. All posts are subject to enhanced CRB clearance.

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The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced CRB will be required.

If you want to join our school, details and an application form are available on our website www.ousedale.org.uk via email to recruitment@ousedale.org.uk or by applying to Mrs Sue Carbert, Senior Deputy Headteacher at the address shown below.

Application Forms only will be accepted - please do not send in CVs.

Closing date: Thursday 4th March 2010, at 4 pm.

The Grove, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, MK16 0BJ
Tel: 01908 210203 Fax: 01908 216574
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For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's on 01908 669735 or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 5 March 2010.

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- previous responsibility for content and design of public websites
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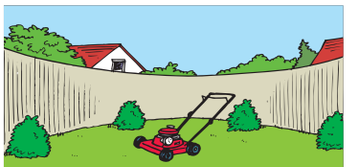

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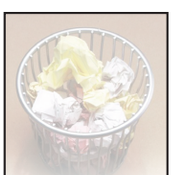

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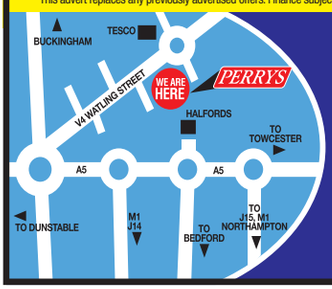

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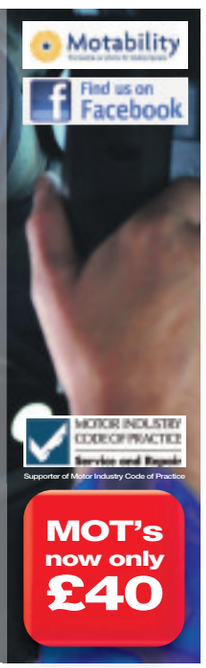

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August
08 Hartlepool	(H)	0-0
11 Swindon (CC)	(H)	1-4
15 Swindon	(A)	0-0
18 Tranmere	(A)	1-0
22 Colchester	(H)	2-1
29 Exeter	(A)	2-1

September
02 Dagenham & Redbridge (JPT)	(H)	3-1
05 Huddersfield	(H)	2-3
14 Norwich	(H)	2-1
19 Wycombe	(A)	1-0
26 Leeds	(H)	0-1
29 Oldham	(A)	1-2

October
03 Brighton	(A)	1-0
06 Southend (JPT)	(H)	2-0
10 Walsall	(H)	1-0
17 Gillingham	(H)	2-0
24 Southampton	(A)	1-3
31 Bristol Rovers	(H)	2-1

November
07 Macclesfield (FA Cup)	(H)	1-0
10 Northampton (JPT)	(H)	3-1
14 Charlton	(A)	1-5
20 Southend	(A)	1-2
24 Carlisle	(H)	3-4
28 Exeter (FA Cup)	(H)	4-3

December
01 Millwall	(A)	2-3
05 Yeovil	(H)	2-2
12 Leyton Orient	(A)	2-1
15 Hereford (JPT)	(A)	4-1
19 Brentford	(H)	0-1
26 Stockport	(H)	4-1
28 Huddersfield	(A)	0-1

January
02 Burnley (FA Cup)	(H)	1-2
16 Hartlepool	(A)	5-0
20 Soton (JPT)	(H)	0-1
23 Tranmere	(H)	1-0
26 Colchester	(A)	0-2
30 Exeter	(H)	1-1

February
06 Stockport	(A)	3-1
09 Soton (JPT)	(A)	1-3
13 Carlisle	(A)	0-5
20 Southend	(H)	3-1
23 Millwall	(H)	1-3
27 Yeovil	(A)	

March
06 Leyton Orient	(H)	
09 Swindon T	(H)	
13 Brentford	(A)	
20 Southampton	(H)	
27 Gillingham	(A)	

April
03 Charlton	(H)	
05 Bristol Rovers	(A)	
10 Norwich	(A)	
13 Oldham	(H)	
17 Wycombe	(H)	
24 Leeds	(A)	

May
01 Brighton	(H)	
08 Walsall	(A)	

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Play-offs in doubt

FROM BACK PAGE

he turned and looped a wonderful shot into the net.

But Millwall went straight down the other end and showed the ugly style was just as effective as they regained the lead.

Hackett's free-kick was prodded goalwards by Paul Robinson, Danny Woodards cleared on the line but Harris was on hand to bundle the ball over the line and left Dons defenders in a heap on the floor.

Dons desperately tried to draw level once again by introducing Dean Morgan, and Carrington had a decent volley well caught by Forde.

Yet, Millwall put the game to bed five minutes from the end prompting a mass exodus from stadiummk.

McCracken almost diverted Scott Barron's free-kick into his own net, and from the resulting corner Harris was unmarked to drive a low shot home.

MK Dons: Gueret, Woodards, Tunnicliffe, McCracken, Lewington, Chadwick (Morgan 74), Carrington, Leven, Townsend, Easter, Woodards (Stirling 78).
Goal: Wilbraham 53
Millwall: Forde, Dunne, Robinson (c), Schofield (Fuseini 90), Harris (Obika 90), Hackett (Barron 74), Craig, Ward, Morison, Abdou, Trotter.
Booked: Ward
Goals: Schofield 19, Harris 61, 85
Referee: Dean Whitestone (Northants)
Attendance: 10, 610 (1,371 away)

Andros Townsend battles to carry the ball down the wing

Carrington double marred by Dons failure to 'keep the back door shut'

COMING UP

YEOVIL TOWN
League One
Saturday, February 27
Huish Park

YEOVIL player-manager Terry Skiverton was left ruing his side's missed chances as they lost 2-0 to Charlton at the weekend. The defeat was only their fourth at home this season.

However, it is their away form that has prevented them from climbing higher than mid-table.

The Glovers were dealt a blow when Jon Obika's loan spell at the club ended and he then moved to Millwall, so striker Dean Bowditch and Ryan Mason are leading the goal scoring charts.

Dons' on-loan wing wizard Andros Townsend will be hoping to continue his good form when he returns to his former club.

Townsend spent time on loan with the Glovers last season and his Football League debut came against the Dons.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Norwich	33	13	2	2	39	18	8	4	4	30	18	33	69
2	Leeds United	32	11	5	1	32	11	8	4	3	23	14	30	66
3	Colchester	32	13	1	2	27	14	5	7	4	22	17	18	62
4	Charlton	33	10	5	2	34	19	6	7	3	23	18	20	60
5	Swindon	31	11	5	1	33	16	5	6	3	20	22	15	59
6	Huddersfield	32	10	6	0	39	12	6	3	7	19	21	25	57
7	Millwall	32	11	4	1	28	11	4	6	6	18	21	14	55
8	**MK Dons**	**32**	**8**	**3**	**5**	**26**	**20**	**7**	**1**	**8**	**21**	**26**	**1**	**49**
9	Walsall	32	5	7	5	24	20	6	3	6	16	18	2	43
10	Bristol Rovers	31	9	1	5	22	17	4	2	10	16	30	-9	42
11	Southampton	30	7	4	2	25	13	5	8	4	24	19	17	38
12	Brentford	30	6	8	2	24	16	3	3	8	8	16	0	38
13	Yeovil	33	6	6	4	26	19	3	5	9	15	26	-4	38
14	Carlisle	32	6	3	6	22	17	3	7	7	21	31	-5	37
15	Leyton Orient	32	6	5	5	26	19	3	5	8	16	29	-6	37
16	Hartlepool	32	6	5	6	21	23	3	3	9	20	27	-9	35
17	Gillingham	33	8	6	3	22	9	0	4	12	11	35	-11	34
18	Brighton	32	2	3	10	12	24	6	7	4	26	27	-13	34
19	Tranmere	32	7	2	7	19	22	2	4	10	9	29	-23	33
20	Southend	32	5	6	4	19	19	3	2	12	16	28	-12	32
21	Oldham	30	4	5	5	12	15	4	3	9	12	22	-13	32
22	Exeter	32	5	7	4	21	16	2	3	11	13	31	-13	31
23	Wycombe	33	4	4	9	16	25	2	6	8	17	32	-24	28
24	Stockport	31	1	4	10	15	33	3	4	9	12	27	-33	20

MK DONS 3
Carrington 18, 49, Townsend 80

SOUTHEND UNITED 1
Patterson 89

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A MARK Carrington double helped MK Dons return to winning ways with a 3-1 win over Southend United, but the Dons management could not hide their disappointment of failing to keep a clean sheet.

Had it not been for some fine saves from Willy Gueret and poor finishing from Southend, who are clearly struggling since top scorer Lee Barnard moved to Southampton, the score line might not have looked so comfortable for the Dons.

In truth the lowly Shrimpers never deserved a point from the game and Dons assistant manager Karl Robinson was annoyed a lapse in concentration allowed Matt Patterson a late consolation.

He said: "We can't keep conceding silly goals and the players who come on they need to get right into the rhythm of the game quickly. We're bitterly disappointed to concede and that shouldn't happen.

Dean Lewington powers in a header

"It can't be the mentality, they've got to make sure they keep the back door shut. Willy Gueret was magnificent today, they have three or four good chances they should have taken and it could have been a different game."

Unlike their guests, who had Patterson, Scott Vernon and Simon Francis go close, the Dons were able to convert their chances as Carrington finished a move that was started by Gueret and saw Andros Townsend, Dean Lewington and Jermaine Easter all involved in the goal.

When Carrington struck again eight minutes into the second half he double the Dons' lead, his tally for the afternoon and his goal record for the season.

The former-Crewe man was praised by Robinson for making a goal scoring return to the team but admits the midfielder still has room for improvement.

Dons' starlet Andros Townsend thought he had completed the scoring when he pounced on Easter's parried effort to beat Steve Mildenhall, but the Dons back line failed to deal with a run from Patterson and conceded a minute from time.

MK DONS: Gueret, Lewington (c), McCracken (Stirling 66), Easter (Gobern 83), Wilbraham, Carrington, Woodards (Howell 81), Tunnicliffe, Leven, Chadwick, Townsend.
SOUTHEND UNITED: Mildenhall, Francis, Christophe (Maoussa 81), Baldwin, Barrett (c), McCormack, Watt (Freedman 81), Scannell, Vernon, Mvoto, Laurent (Patterson 71). Booked: Barrett, Christophe
Referee: Lee Mason (Lancashire)
Attendance: 9,801

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

Johnson on target
JEMAL Johnson guided Stockport County to their first win in four months.

The Dons winger, who was sent on loan to Stockport in January, opened his goal scoring account with the Hatters in spectacular fashion with a stunning 25-yard shot.

It ended a run of 17-match winless streak for the relegation-threatened side.

And Johnson appears to have settled at the club, he said: "Stockport's such a family club. It's good for me to be around people like this, especially being from up north. A lot of my friends are up here, and my little girl is too.

"It was a no-brainer for me to be up here. There were a lot of things outside of football that made my decision.

"But I'm happy now. I'm playing football, week in, week out, getting my minutes in, and that's what you need."

MacKenzie due in summer
DUNDEE defender Gary MacKenzie is thought to be Milton Keynes-bound in the summer.

The 24-year-old is reported to have agreed a deal with MK Dons to join them for the 2010/11 season.

MacKenzie would once again link up with Dons first team coach Alex Rae, who signed him for Dundee in 2006.

Carrington joins best
THERE were plenty of familiar faces named in this week's League One Team of the Week.

Dons' two goal hero Mark Carrington, recalled to the side in place of the suspended Stephen Gleeson, was listed in the division's best eleven for the weekend.

He appeared alongside former-Don Jason Puncheon, who impressed in Southampton's win at Norwich, and Jemal Johnson.

League One Team of the Week in full: Owain Fon William (Stockport County), Julian Kelly (Wycombe Wanderers), Danny Batth (Colchester), Christian Dailly (Charlton), Dean Heffernan (Huddersfield), Alex Nicholls (Walsall), Nick Bailey (Charlton), Mark Carrington (MK Dons), Jason Puncheon (Southampton), Charlie Austin (Swindon), Lee Barnard (Southampton).

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James Tunnicliffe heads wide from a corner

Danny Schofield nicks it from Jermaine Easter

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning's cup confidence

MK Lightning are one hour away from their first shot at silverware this season.

Tonight Lightning take on Manchester Phoenix and could book themselves a place in the English Premier League Cup final.

Nick Poole's team are in the perfect position to do so with one foot already in the final thanks to a stunning 8-2 lead carried over from the first-leg contest in Manchester.

With a healthy six goal advantage, following strikes from Lewis Christie, Nick Poole, Adam Walker, Lukas Zatopek, Leigh Jamieson, Ross Bowers, Monir Kalgoum and two from Andre Smulter, Phoenix face an uphill struggle to even the scores.

And Lightning go into the game full of confidence following back-to-back victories at the weekend.

Lightning's impressive form has seen them extend their lead at the top of the table to eight points.

The four points did not come easily for Lightning though as they fought back from a three goal deficit against Romford Raiders to win 8-4 with Kalgoum the star of the show as he had four goals to his name.

The following day Lightning once again had to show their resolve to come from behind to beat Sheffield Scimitars 5-2 at Planet Ice.

■ TONIGHT Planet Ice hosts the second-leg of the EPL Cup, face-off 7.30pm, and on Saturday Manchester are once again the visitors this time in the league, face-off 7pm.

On Sunday Lightning travel to Guildford Flames, face-off 6pm.

Monir Kalgoum weighed in with four goals in Lightning's 8-4 win against Romford – now he's ready for cup action as the team carries a six-goal advantage into the second leg against Manchester

RUGBY

South West 1 East

Cheltenham 47
Olney 6

OLNEY suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Cheltenham

The result leave Olney level on points with three other teams in second from bottom pace.

League leaders Cheltenham delivered a crushing blow to Olney's hopes of scrapping away from relegation with a 47-6 win.

Olney's six points came from the boot of James Hawken who converted two penalties.

Buckingham 10
Bletchley 16

BLETCHLEY recorded their fifth straight win thanks to the inspirational form of George Harman.

The Bletchley fly-half score all 16 of the visitors' points as they clawed their way back from 10-0 down to win the game.

A penalty and converted try gave Buckingham the lead but Harman's three penalties and converted try saw Bletchley to victory.

Southern Counties North

Milton Keynes 21
Aylesbury 3

MILTON Keynes moved into third place in the table following their win over Aylesbury.

In a hard fought contest Aylesbury took the lead with an early penalty but it was MK who had the advantage at half-time after Dan Walker's try.

The two sides continued to battle it out only for Aylesbury to lose their way in the final ten minutes, and lose the game.

Neil Williams and Daniel Pearson crossed the line late on and Phil Powell's penalty made the score line appear more comfortable than it was.

BASKETBALL

Lions take a hammering

MK LIONS 82
Morris 16, Dupuy 12, Y Williams 12

EVERTON TIGERS 122
Moore 31, Jones 27, A. Williams 27

MK LIONS 87
Harrison 30, Spinks 18, Morris 13

NEWCASTLE EAGLES 101
Sullivan 25, Jackson 24, Chapman 18

MK Lions' unbeaten run at Middleton Hall came to an end when they suffered a heavy defeat to Everton Tigers, and then lost to Newcastle Eagles two days later.

Everton stunned Lions with an impressive haul of 122 points to condemn Vince Macaulay's side to their first home defeat in over four months.

Last season's BBL Player of the Year Trey Moore was in blistering form as Everton raced to a 14-32 first quarter lead.

An injury to Frank Holmes then effectively ended any chance of Lions recovering as Dawud Morris, Dru Spinks and EJ Harrison failed to keep up with the Tigers, who stretched their lead to 31-64.

Macaulay emptied his bench hoping the Lions could claw the deficit back, if only for their pride, but they still suffered their worst home defeat in 12 years.

And less than 48 hours later a packed out home crowd watched as Lions suffered a second defeat.

Lions paid the price for a poor first period as points from Robert Youngblood and Mike New were not enough to prevent them trailing 12-35 after the opening ten minutes.

Spinks and Harrison netted early baskets in the second, and Yorick Williams also helped pin the score back to 42-53 at half-time.

Both sides exchanged baskets and Lions would have fancied their chances as they got to within eight points of the Eagles in the third quarter.

However, turn overs were to cost the Lions in the final stanza with Newcastle securing the win with 12 successful points from the free-throw line.

■ TOMORROW (Thursday) night Lions travel to Sheffield Sharks, tip-off 7.30pm, and on Sunday they are away to Glasgow Rocks, tip-off 5pm.

VINCE'S VIEW

Head coach and owner of MK Lions, Vince Macaulay writes for MK NEWS

THIS weekend was a little tough on the court as we took a hammering on Friday against a sizzling Everton Tigers team that simply nailed us from the three point line. When we returned on Sunday against the Newcastle Eagles, I don't think we had our heads clear from Everton and played in the first quarter like startled rabbits.

However once we regrouped we really put in a shift and but for two plays we had a real opportunity to pull off an unlikely comeback.

So where do we go from here? That's simple, we simply continue to do what we have done all season, work hard in practice, fine tune our offences and defences and prepare for the opposition thoroughly. We cannot allow two defeats against top teams to throw us off kilter.

I must give a shout out to all the fans, three consecutive sell out's in a week, that is staggering and gives us a record five consecutive sell outs at thecentre:mk. All augurs really well for the move to the arenamk and the great news that further planning permission has taken away any uncertainty.

All that remains now is confirmation of a start date and we can work out a finish date and the first jump ball in what promises to be a real sporting centre.

Thoughts turn to Thursday and we go off to play the League leading Sharks. This will be a thumping game as it will have a massive bearing on who goes on to win the title. The Sharks have shown everyone a clean pair of heels all season except for when we beat them down at Bletchley, I feel we match up very well against them and anticipate a really tough encounter.

It is looking like Frank Holmes will miss the games this week, but his injury is not as bad as first thought and it is expected he will be in action in 10 days or so.

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Tennis aces rewarded

TENNIS stars in Milton Keynes were awarded for their commitment and achievements by MK-based charity MK Ace Tennis.

On Saturday more than 100 people gathered to celebrate the successes of 2009 and Councillor Euan Henderson was on hand to present the awards.

Throughout 2009, MK Ace Tennis taught over 1800 children in schools, 352 people in the weekly programme and over 800 children during the holiday camps.

The awards went to Tom Cunild - under 10 Improver of the Year, and James Marchant - under 14 Improver of the Year.

Credit was also given to 17-year-old Ryan Bond, who took the Contribution to Tennis award.

The Tennis Works Grand Slam Series, an all-year event that allows players to compete based on ability and not just age, went to Thomas Wilkes and William Roberts.

The MK Ace Tennis Player of the Year Cup and the under 8 Improver of the Year Award went to eight-year-old Lauren Armstrong.

Snow Leopard's date

GHANA'S Kwame Nkrumah-Acheampong will compete at the 2010 Winter Olympics in three days time. Nkrumah-Acheampong, known as The Snow Leopard, is due to take part in the men's slalom on Whistler Creekside this Saturday.

The first run is scheduled for 6pm, and the second at 9.45pm.

Cheltenham preview

ACTION returns to Towcester Racecourse this Sunday. Local trainer Alex Hales will be hoping Dunarius, the star attraction, is on his best behaviour at Towcester, with the first race due off at 2.10pm.

Towcester is staging its annual Cheltenham Festival preview night on Wednesday, March 10. Admission for the evening is £12 but this does include a copy of Paul Jones's Cheltenham Betting Guide.

On the panel this year are Robert Cooper from Attheraces, Kieran Packman from Timeform, on course bookmaker Gary Wilytshire, professional pundit Mark 'The Couch' Winstanley, gg.com writer Andrew Mount and jump jockey Paddy Brennan.

Local football

NEW Bradwell St Peter moved into second place in the Molten Spartan Midlands division one table at the weekend.

St Peter picked up three points with a comfortable 3-1 win at home to Harpenden Town, while Stony Stratford Town shared the spoils with Bedford following a 2-2 draw.

Newport Pagnell Town were not in action at the weekend, but were due to take on Daventry Town in the cup semi-final.

Town's attentions will turn back to the United Counties Premier League when they host Stewarts and Lloyds Corby on Saturday.

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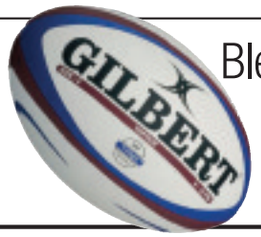

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Millwall maulers hit Dons

MK DONS 1 MILLWALL 3

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MK Dons play-off hopes suffered another setback last night as they lost 3-1 at home to Millwall.

Millwall's record goal scorer Neil Harris' second-half brace helped move the Londoners six points clear of the Dons in seventh place.

The Dons had replied to Danny Schofield's 19th minute strike through Aaron Wilbraham's deflected effort early in the second-half.

But their failure to clear a free-kick resulted in the scrappiest of goals for the Lions, and Harris struck again to inflict a harsh score line on the home side.

The result leaves Paul Ince's side eight points off the play-offs.

Dons, unchanged from Saturday's win over Southend, tested Millwall keeper David Forde with Mark Carrington's stinging shot with barely a minutes on the clock.

The Dons bossed the opening phases yet a mistake by Peter Leven, who misjudged his header back to Willy Gueret, almost cost them the opening goal when Harris swallowed up the loose ball.

Goalscorer Aaron Wilbraham races for the ball with Millwall's Danny Schofield last night

Fortunately Gueret was alert to make himself big in front of goal and block Harris shot – Steve Morrison's follow-up effort was also well blocked by the Dons.

Despite having the better possession it was the Dons who found themselves a goal down against the run of play.

Schofield picked up the ball on the edge of the area and the Dons stood off him as he twisted and turned, almost inviting a shot which the winger gladly sent flying beyond the reach of Gueret.

Jermaine Easter felt he should have had a penalty when he tangled with Tony Craig and a speculative attempt from Wilbraham wasn't too far wide.

When Millwall went forward they had the ability to force the Dons into needless mistakes.

Both Nadjim Abdou and Morison should have done better with chances provided for them.

Andros Townsend was also guilty of wasting a golden opportunity when Easter did well to deliver a dangerous cross from the left which Townsend sent blazing over the bar.

After the break the Lions threated to grab a second as Trotter stabbed the ball at Gueret and it took the Dons longer than they would have liked to clear.

However, the Dons expertly turned defence into attack with Easter bursting down the right flank but with four defenders in front of him he brought Lewington into action on the opposite side.

As bodies piled forward Leven picked up possession and found Wilbraham on the edge of the box.

The striker held off two defenders as

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Ian Poulter: Fifth in world rankings after win in WGC-Accenture Match Play tournament

Woburn pro Poulter makes history in Arizona

IAN Poulter has become the first Englishman to win the WGC-Accenture Match Play tournament.

The Woburn golf professional beat compatriot Paul Casey 4 and 2 in Arizona on Sunday to lift the trophy and pocket £907,113 in prize money.

Poulter was in control from the start as he went 4up after 14 holes, although Casey was able to reduce the deficit to two at the half-way stage.

The 34-year-old again went four up on the 18th and Casey was again able to cut the lead back down to two only for a missed putt on the 32nd to ultimately cost him.

Poulter, who won the Barclays Singapore Open last year, was in stunning form throughout the competition and the success has seen his shoot up to fifth place in the world rankings.

Speaking after becoming only the seventh Englishman to win an American tour event, Poulter said: "I felt that I could deliver whatever I needed to deliver. I've never felt more comfortable on a golf course. There's been a lot of great talent in England for such a long time and it's so nice to see guys actually deliver.

"An Englishman hasn't won a major for a long time. It's about time the guys that have put themselves in position 4, 5 and 6 in the world should step up to the plate and deliver on that."

Even better news for Poulter is that Europe's Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie was impressed with his performance.

The duo have made no secret that on occasions they do not see eye-to-eye but Montgomerie was pleased to see the dual between the Englishmen.

Montgomerie said: "Putting my captain's hat on it was marvellous to see so many Europeans do so well, especially to have three players in the semi-finals.

"I was delighted to see two Brits in the final and it was great to see Ian Poulter come through with a marvellous win and claim his first WGC title, especially in match play format."

He added:"This all bodes well for the start of October and this all proves that the European players are improving all the time.

"Sergio (Garcia), Paul and Ian are all rising up the world rankings, which is most encouraging."

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